

# "We Must Go Man-hunting"

## A Mine of Undiscovered Wealth in the Immigrant, Jane Addams Declares

"A MINE of gold, an undiscovered Eldorado of intellect, lies unworked in this great United States. An unused Aladdin's lamp remains on the cobwebbed shelves of the nation, and, strangely, no one seems to have discovered the wonders to be evoked by the magic rub."

"A new art, a new literature, a broader deeper spiritual outlook are latent in this country, and yet we go to Europe for our art, our literature, our music and our philosophy."



Miss Jane Addams, the Noted Social Worker

the cold, practical American spirit, and were losing their native love of the simple and beautiful. But she persevered, and today the shops of Hull House are an institution. There is a weavers' room, with all kinds of looms, hand shuttles and modern jacquards, spindles from Italy and looms from Japan. And there the young learn the arts of weaving from many lands. There are shops where quaint pottery is made, where metal working is taught, where young folk design and make artistic books and learn to carve wood. Notable work has been done in metal by the Russians; they make charming filigree work in copper, brass and silver.

May Be the Founders of a Famous Family

Why? Because we neglect our foreign population."

These words were spoken in a singularly soft yet vibrantly earnest voice—the voice of a woman dressed in gray, with a face softened by the beauty of tenderness and hair becoming silvered by time. From the face glowed eyes magnetic and prophetic. Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago, never spoke more intensely.

An arraignment of America for neglecting its alien population and its ruthless exploitation of them in the crudest fields of labor; an affirmation of the wonders of intellect and spiritual possibilities of the men put to digging ditches and working in stockyards, which, by culture, might brighten the national horizon—this was her subject.

"We must go man-hunting," she said. "Inspired with a spirit of adventure, we must get among the foreigners, learn their customs, ideas and ways. We must give to them—and they will give to us."

"AMERICANS go to Europe to study art, to study language, to study music," Miss Addams declared. "Why not do it here? Why not get among the foreigners, mix with them personally, get in contact with them socially?"

"Yet Americans hold them at a distance; they look down upon them from their lofty position; they make them feel the sense of aloofness. How many, indeed, of our intelligent, educated Americans go into the foreign quarters of our big cities? How much do you know of them? They are as distant and little known to most persons as the Hebrides."

"We should get in touch with them on a large scale. Today we are turning most of our immigrants, without discrimination, into laborers, instead of utilizing their genuine qualities in digging out their intellectual gold, in discovering the genius and developing the latent talent—whether it be for music, painting, or any other—we are turning these foreigners into diggers of ditches, street sweepers, stockyard employees and putting them to manual labor of a low grade. Americans are only just waking up to the value and importance of the men and women who make up the foreign population of our cities."

"What is to be done with the foreigners? ask the sociologists. Send them to farming, answer some; put them in the mines, say others. Already, it is charged, they have caused a reduction in wages; already the wheels are becoming clogged; already the roads in the fields, in the mines, in the streets, constructing railroads, digging tunnels. And still armies remain unemployed."

And of the children—what shall be done with them? Educate them? Cultivate their talents? Encourage them in art? Put them at music? Expect of them the tributes to the great work and thought of the intellectual world?"

### PLANS FOR WORKING

A startling solution. Yet sane, logical, the ultimate and most satisfactory solution, believes Miss Addams. America is without a native art, a native music, a native spiritual outlook," she declares. "It is precisely these which the foreign colonies, hemmed in and isolated in our midst, could give to us, if we would but assimilate them, make them of ourselves. We must go man-hunting."

"This country is content with a foreign music, with an imported dramatic art, a sculpture and an architecture that were the creations of antiquity. Here is a great nation; here are great possibilities. Here we should rear a distinct, new, original, wonderful music, drama, art, architecture of our own. We must go man-hunting."

"We must go among the foreign colonies and make of every man a genuine American citizen. We must go among them and instill patriotism in the hearts of the children."

How is this to be done? What method should be adopted? Miss Addams suggests:

Through the churches.

Through the schools.

By individual contact.

And the method must be individual effort.

"Such an assimilation of the foreigners would give a great depth and quality to our life. This reciprocal relation would help them; it would open to use a vast storehouse of unused material."

From contact with the foreigners during many years of settlement work Miss Addams has had opportunity to observe their capabilities. Much native ability is not used, but buried in the grosser tasks which are taken up through necessity.

"American art is fostered from the outside. With the Italian it is a natural expression. An Italian workman will carve the woodwork about his door, something that would not occur to an American. His impulse is artistic. Surely it would be well if Americans absorbed this spirit."

"Among the Slavs and Russians there is a native talent for music. Among the Russians there is an impulse toward literature, and in New York many Russians have made notable contributions to the drama. The Jews possess great intellect, an ability for abstract discussions, an interest in the problems of life; their talent for taking up the theoretical side of life would not be bad for practical Americans."

"Take, for instance, the Italians in California. There they have small farms and gardens; these are pretty, artistic, filled with flowers; the farmers raise silk-worms; their lives are beautiful. In their schools they produce the Greek dramas, such as the 'Ajax' of

"We are attempting in American cities a strange experiment. We accept it as a matter of course that it has been humanitarian to domesticate animals, and we have taken every means to improve the life of animal and plant."

"But travel in the great congested foreign colonies in our cities, and you will see there the remarkable experiment of bringing up human beings without the care and attention we pay to animals and plants."

"With this same care we could get from the immigrant in time a native drama, a native song, a native music, and we could improve our social and industrial order incalculably."

These theories of Miss Addams may appear to be those of the enthusiast, the dreamer. But the shops of Hull House are pointed out as an evidence of their practical application. The story of how Miss Addams started the shop work and crafts is interesting.

An Italian workman, who, in his native country,

had been a wood carver, lived in the congested foreign district, close to Halstead street, Chicago. His house was unattractive; to give it some semblance of beauty he applied himself during his leisure hours to carving the front door of the dwelling.

The landlord heard of this and became indignant at what he declared was a wanton defacement of good lumber. He ordered the man to pay for the door or vacate the house, and stormed at what was a really artistic and beautiful effort. His prosaic mind saw in it only vandalism.

Miss Addams, who heard of the incident, saw differently. She visited the landlord and succeeded in pacifying him. "Why," she said to a helper at Hull House, "should Americans go abroad and admire the quaint native crafts of those lands, and when at home fail to appreciate, nay, overlook or ridicule them?"

And then the thought occurred to her: "Why should not these craftsmen, who work so prettily

in their own lands, continue the work here instead of going to the factories and mills or sweeping streets? Surely our life is unromantic and prosaic, and the glamour of foreign romance and artistic fancy might well transfigure an age and country so commercialized and destitute of art."

Among the people with whom she came in contact Miss Addams discovered a Syrian woman who was adept with the spinning wheel of her native land; an Irish woman who could make of the raw flax beautiful woven linen; a number of potters who could turn the potter's wheel and evolve peculiarly beautiful pots, and metal workers and designers whose work was characterized by the originality and warm fancy of their native lands.

These people were hired—and the crafts of Hull House were begun.

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But the majority have agreed that it is simply a lusus naturae, which is French for a slip of the nose. It was intended for Lucullus and skipped down to Morgan by mistake.

The deduction would be highly important, if true. As a matter of fact, however, Nature attends to all her facial danger signals in the human eye; the rest of the face can go hang, for all she cares, after she has opened that window to the soul to let its light shine through. That is why corporations which put up such a good front but have no souls are so inscrutable.

You can look at Morgan's eye and then at the eye of the horned owl. Once the expression is realized, the difference in the other features becomes completely obliterated; for all the absence of the hooked beak, the face becomes the face of the bird of prey—the bird that has been termed the Jekyll and Hyde of the air.

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From Such as these Miss Addams Expects Much.



A Case in Point—Nava Klatov as She Arrived and as She Appeared Now Later

brass and silver.

While lectures are given every Saturday evening with demonstrations of hand looms in textiles, every fortnight the members of the Chicago Arts and Crafts Society meet and help the pupils at their work. Children employed as office and errand boys go there during their spare hours and hew and carve in wood or work in metal.

Within a few years they are expert workmen. Instead of driving wagons or running looms or sweeping streets they utilize their native talent, trained at Hull House, by creating beautiful work for America.

This is Miss Addams' work. She wants the people of America to take it up on a large scale. Will America rub this magic lamp, she asks? Will the people go man-hunting?

A unique movement has been started by the Young Men's Christian Association in Philadelphia, with the purpose of familiarizing the people with the conditions of the United States, finding them employment when necessary, and teaching them their responsibilities as non-citizens and the responsibility of this government toward them.

This is a "Necromer's Club" to which all aliens are invited. Pamphlets in various languages are sent to the points of embarkation in Europe which tell immigrants facts about the land to which they are sailing and the proper procedure to become American citizens. Representatives of the club meet the ships at the pier as they arrive.

Every two weeks there is a social evening, when refreshments are served. Twice a month lectures are given, such as explaining the newsworthy plans of government of the country, powers of the officials and the system of education.

The National Society of the Sons of the Revolution recently issued a million pamphlets for distribution among arriving immigrants. These are printed in English, German, French, Yiddish and Hungarian, and instruct the foreigner about the government, means of naturalization and other facts of importance.

# "ISN'T HE A BIRD?" WE OFTEN HEAR



Attorney General Bonaparte and the Snowy Owl.



H.H. Rogers and the Osprey. Emperor William and the Ruffed Grouse.



J. Pierpont Morgan and the Horned Owl.



Caruso, as Drawn by Himself, and the Pouter Pigeon.

Napoleon of the past as to some downy, wise old owl of a Bonaparte of the present.

Is there anything more to the popular metaphor than there is to the unshakable faith that Cleopatra was a peach of the past, and that Mary Garden is a peach of the present? Does the brain or the character lying back of the hawk eye of an H. H. Rogers come closer to the real nature of the osprey than the heart of tender Lillian Russell does to the stone which is the true inwardness of the peach?

NATURE fakers, themselves now overlooked, even in their heyday overlooked this most picturesque department of the genus homo complicated with ornithology.

Otherwise they would have discovered long ago that the unclassifiable countenance of J. Pierpont Morgan bore a remarkable resemblance to the horned owl. His is a face baffling to all students of the science of physiognomy. From Lavater to Professor Zeno, of

the Personal Columns. That is because physiognomists are prone to think Nature has been working a jig-saw on human profiles for their especial benefit, with particular attention to noses and chins.

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andage, and chooses the brains of its captives as food for its young, but it does rid the land of many vermin, and it does free the crops from many parasites whose existence means less prosperity to the nation.

Take another member of the same family—the snowy owl, the bird double of Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte. Here the whole face speaks the likeness, from the shrewd, artfully artless expression of the glinting eyes to the studiously planned innocence of the poise of the head.

Take as a parrot the snowy owl appears. But when one realizes that the snowy owl is invariably hot on the trail of all horn lawbreakers and is as silent as the grave while engaged in his still hunt for victims, his fitness for the job of attorney general of the republic of Nature becomes as apparent as that of the great horned owl to play the more imposing role of Morgan.

For pure perfection of likeness, there has never been a more twinkle resemblance than that of H. H. Rogers with the osprey, who does general piracy over land and water and surrenders his prey only when the eagle swoops and takes the biggest prize.

We need not limit ourselves to prominent Americans. What more striking figure in Europe than the sudden, startling, rocking, surprisingly brilliant Wilhelm; and what more unaccountable, dashing, bold and nearly bird than the grouse?

If, in spite of Wilhelm's preference in ambassadors, nearly every American remains willing to admit he is a bird, anyway, what sort of a bird will American women see in their admired Caruso?

He ought to be a nightingale, or a skylark, or, at the very least, a canary.

Well, he isn't. Here is his picture, drawn by himself. Isn't he the pretty pouter pigeon?

