

as annoyances through lawsuits or other complications. Business activity is also indicated, but rash ventures should be avoided.

Success in life will be somewhat marred for children born to-day, by reason of their quick temper and their propensity to do reckless deeds. Such children will fare better by working for others than by going into business for themselves. Girls born to-day will not live happily with their husbands.

Monday, December 4.—Young men, who are courting, may propose to-day with a fair hope of success, and all those who are thinking of asking a favor of anyone, cannot find a more favorable time.

Success in love affairs, danger of illness, worry about business matters and some financial loss probably owing to ill-advised loans are the chief events foreshadowed for this year.

Children born to-day will not be very fortunate, at least so far as worldly affairs are concerned. As employees, they may manage to lead quiet, inoffensive lives, but disaster will surely befall them if they undertake any serious enterprises themselves.

Tuesday, December 5.—There are no marked indications of good or evil fortune in any direction to-day, and, therefore, those who are contemplating any important work will do well to postpone it.

This will be a fairly prosperous year, but proper care must be taken to avoid the loss of money. Accidents should also be guarded against.

There is danger that children born to-day will suffer at least once during life from serious accidents resulting in broken limbs, and the outlook is that they will not make much headway in the world if they go into business for themselves.

Wednesday, December 6.—No favors should be asked of any one to-day, and employees should take care not to offend their employers. Business will be stagnant, and new enterprises will make no progress.

Persons in employment should be unusually careful during the coming year, as there is some danger that they will lose their positions. Falls or other personal injuries are also foreshadowed. Young women, whose birthday this is, will be fortunate in love, and business men will prosper.

Very fortunate will be the children born to-day, and it will be surprising if they do not, sooner or later, attain to a high position in life. The chief danger which threatens them is that they will meet with many accidents.

Thursday, December 7.—This is an excellent day for persons seeking employment, and they are advised to pursue their search zealously. It is also good for brokers, lawyers, and those engaged in mercantile and literary pursuits.

An excellent year this is for those in any kind of business, and especially for employees, since there is a good chance that they will receive either promotion or an increase of salary. The dangers to be avoided are law-suits, unseemly disputes, and physical excesses leading to ill-health.

Children born to-day will be bright and clever, and, if proper pains are taken with their education, they will very probably obtain excellent positions, where their talents and versatility will do them good service. Prosperous they will be during life, though they may expect some unfortunate periods.

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John Quarterdollar and Nancy Nichol were married at Providence, R. I., the other day. How like 30 cents they must feel!

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hardwaremen disclaim any intention of forming a trust, but, if they are going into an organization to do away with the worst evils of overcompetition and to bring about a saving of expenses, this organization will be virtually a trust, whatever it may be called. However, it need not, on that account, be disadvantageous to the retailer or the consumer. The modern business world is commencing to see pretty clearly that the gain of one does not always imply the loss of another.

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THE generosity of Sir W. C. Macdonald towards educational interests knows no bounds, seemingly. Following his many princely gifts to McGill, came the announcement of his donation to found and support manual training classes in every Province of the Dominion; and scarcely had the public been made aware of his action in this matter, when it became known that he had offered funds to endow a professorship in memory of the late Sir William Dawson in McGill University. What a delightful thing it must be to have the means to carry on one's fancies in such matters upon the broadest and most generous scale! And how much more delightful, after years of money-making and contact with the sordid world, to have the will as well as the power to be liberal. The trouble is in too many cases that as the power increases the will decays. But, in Sir William's case, the power and the will seem to have grown together.

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THE proneness of people to accept benefits without inquiring too closely whence they come, lest any lurking tenderness of conscience might be touched, is illustrated by a paragraph that seems quite apropos in discussing Sir William Macdonald's benefactions. It seems that the Board of Church Extension of the American Methodist Episcopal Church is pushing a plan, which originated in Baltimore, to build 100 new churches in the West. The Messrs. Buckingham Brothers, cigar manufacturers, of Baltimore, made a proposition to the Board to give \$1,000, provided 24 other business firms would give an equal amount each, to be paid at the rate of \$250 annually, for the building of 100 new churches in the West. The bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church do not approve of the cigar and tobacco business, but there was no hesitation about accepting the offer of the \$1,000. Just so, I venture to say, there are many parents bitterly opposed to tobacco, who, nevertheless, send their sons to be educated at McGill, largely with money that has been made by the handling and manufacture of this commodity. For my own part, I take no stock in the attitude of extremists who look upon tobacco and similar luxuries as evil, whether used in moderation or excess, but if I did, in order to be consistent, I should be very careful not to touch, for selfish purposes, the fruits of a trade which my conscience condemned.

FELIX VASE.

"WON'T you tell me what is really nervous prostration?" queried a man of a woman. "I hear of this one of my acquaintances (chiefly feminine) and of that being victims of this fashionable disease, but I have not the slightest idea what the symptoms are."

"I do not know how to describe it exactly," she answered. "It is when you order a poached egg for breakfast, for instance, and they bring you a fried one, and you burst into tears; or when you go into hysterics because the cook sends you word she wants a new saucepan; or when you consider your husband an unfeeling brute, because he tells you to cheer up and asks you to go to the theatre. These, or something like them, are the premonitory symptoms; the next stage is mild lunacy."