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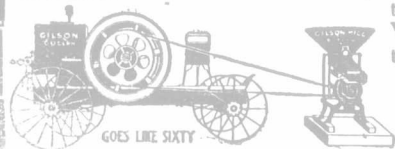
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The Conquest of the Impossible.

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wood visited Thomas Edison he told them that he took no interest in possible things. And there are some bright, cheery, stimulating lines of Edgar Guest that come back to one's mind again and again,

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But he with a chuckle replied
That maybe it couldn't, but he would
be one,
Who wouldn't say so till he tried:
So he buckled right in with a sort of a
grin
On his face: if he worried he hid it:
He started to sing as he tackled the
thing
That couldn't be done; and he did
it."

"And, therefore," said John Ruskin in his Lectures on Art, "I pray you with all earnestness to prove, and know within your hearts, that all things lovely and righteous are possible for those who believe in their possibility, and who determine that, for their part, they will make every day's work contribute to them."

There is a divine discontent in every normal human being impelling him to do something bigger and better than he has ever done, to break his own record again and again, and to attempt the impossible. A humorous versifier expressed the universal feeling in a bit of doggerel,

"For the few and far between
For the very seldom seen
For the uncatch-hold-upon-able I sigh
The untouchable I'd touch,
The unclutchable I'd clutch
For the ungrabbed and ungrabbable I'd
die."

One turns naturally to biography for illustrations of what W. E. Henley called "the unconquerable soul." And what multitudes of inspiring examples throng into our minds! We think of Francis Thompson who came to his pitiful death in 1907. He made a precarious living on the streets of Old London as a cab caller and porter, slept among the garbage of Covent Garden, endured unspeakable hardships and privations, yet rose above it all to write "The Hound of Heaven" and some of the most delicate and melodious verse of the past generation.

We think, too, of men and women who have succeeded in defiance of physical handicaps that would have crushed others. There was Arthur Kavanagh who sat for fourteen years in the British House of Commons—as the Member for County Wexford—without hands or feet. His legs ended at the knees, his arms at the elbows, but his invincible will knew no limitations. He travelled widely in India and the Far East and had the most sensational adventures. He acted as a mounted scout in the troublous days of 1848 in Ireland. When he finally settled down in his Irish home he was a fearless administrator of justice and a court of appeal for all the countryside.

There was also Bartram Hiles, the painter who lost both his arms and afterwards used his toes to produce pictures of such genuine merit that they were hung in all the leading exhibitions of Great Britain. And there was Henry Fawcett, the blind Postmaster General of Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet to whom the British people are indebted for postal orders and parcel post and six-penny telegrams. He was Professor of Political Economy at Cambridge, a far-sighted statesman, an expert angler, a fearless horseman and a brilliant wit.

And perhaps greatest of them all is that wonderful American girl, Helen Keller, who was stricken in infancy totally blind and deaf, and yet learned to talk through a struggle little short of miraculous, who became an honor graduate in Arts of a great American College, who has written the story of her own life, and has lectured to thousands upon thousands of people all across the continent.

While man's indomitable will has triumphed over Nature and our human limitations, we must look to religion for the inspiration and the dynamic power that have made possible our greatest victories. "My religion," said Lao-tse, the old Chinese philosopher and moralist, "is to think the unthinkable thought, to speak the ineffable word, to do the impossible deed and to walk the impassible way." That is the ideal of all religion, but it finds its noblest expression and its

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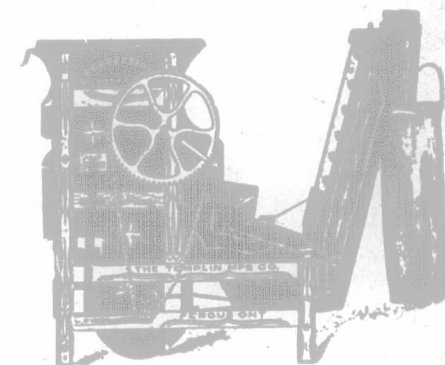
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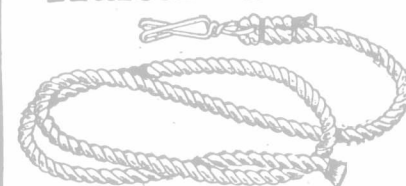
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