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"Pull," and Its Influence.

Success and Power Comes from Motors, Not from Trailers—Self-respect Vanishes as Soon as "Pulls" Are Accepted—Condemnation Finally Comes.

(By Janet Brooks.)

There is nothing in this world that is worth so much as "a pull," but it is the kind of pull that is located in the one who would advance rather than in his friends. It is the kind of pull that develops into a push when necessity arises. There is nothing in this world more disgusting and at the same time more pitiable than a man or woman, young or old, who believes in pulls that exist outside of their own selves and who are not averse to using these means of self-advancement.

The world at large thoroughly hates a "climber," no matter along what line his ambition leads him. No matter what the seeming success of the climber may be, the same end awaits him that is meted out to the traitor among men and the drone among bees. The climber is both traitor and drone. He fawns on those who seem in a position to advance his own interests, and he gives nothing for the favours received.

Perhaps the sturdy oak attracts the mistletoe; perhaps the live oak attracts, by its very power and perfection, the fragile Spanish moss which eventually saps every particle of strength from the giant. There seems to be throughout nature a pairing off of parasites and workers, and in this way it comes about possibly that the climber is a dispensation of Providence. But no one is compelled to be a climber in the parasitic sense; there is a chance for every one to pull his own load instead of being pulled, and every one who wishes to become master of his own soul must not be above hardship and struggle. If the goal is not worthy the effort, it is an easy matter to change the goal.

But, as in nature, everyone must "keep-a-movin'." Success comes from the motor and not from the trailer; self-respect comes from individual effort, not from borrowed or begged advantageous positions. No favour that cannot be repaid in value is of any use whatever to the recipient. The one who receives a dollar in charity must repay the dollar in an energetic attempt to mend his broken fortunes or he is no more than a certain amount of avoirdupois instead of so much dynamic energy. The man who is waiting to utilize a "pull" is worse than useless.