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ON WANTING THINGS EASY.

How we do resent anything that comes hard! And yet it is only the hard things of life that make us grow and develop and keep our souls alive.

I can't remember who it was who said "Help us to pray not for easier lives but for greater strength," but whoever it was, he struck at one of the fundamental cravings of the human heart.

The intensity with which we all want, or think we want, ease and cessation from effort is really astounding.

Instead of craving and working for the strength that shall make us adequate to every fate and every circumstance, we long and pray and work for pleasant and easy circumstances.

JUST AS WE ALL DO.

A friend of mine was complaining bitterly her life was over-shadowed by the illness of a near relative. "It doesn't seem as if I could stand any more sickness," she said, "I'm tired of it. I've had such a lot, you know."

She has had a good deal, mostly her own. And during that illness she has received kindness and attention from everyone, especially the relative who is now ill. The opportunity to do for others as they have done for her will be a wonderful experience. But she doesn't want that opportunity. She wants things easy—just as we all do.

We seem to be born with an idea that we have a sort of inalienable right to happiness and ease, and that anything which gets in the way of that ease and happiness deserves our resentment. That is part of youth's difficulty in adjusting itself to life—the discovery that happiness is not the first law of the universe.

And Then They Aren't Satisfied.

Some people never make that readjustment. They go on fighting against everything which gets in the way of their immediate happiness to the end. Sometimes they don't get what they want and live an embittered, soured existence. Again they do get what they want, and find to their astonishment that as hey grow older it doesn't keep on satisfying them.

"The worldly hope men set their heart upon,
Turns ashes—or it prospers, and anon
Like snow upon the desert's dusty face,
Lighting a little hour or two, is gone."

Others gradually learn the lesson that circumstance can seldom be wholly controlled and that happiness must come through one's learning to control one's reactions to circumstances instead of the circumstances themselves. Therefore, they make up their minds to try to become adequate to whatever life shall bring. They may not entirely succeed but at least they are on the road to the only true happiness.

Can't We Copy the Oyster?

When some foreign substance is intruded into an oyster's life he at once begins covering it over so that it cannot hurt him. We all know the beautiful things that results from that action. If one will overlay the intrusions of life with a self-protective layer of courage and optimism one cannot only save oneself from hurt, but can also produce something as beautiful as the pearl—a strong and beautiful character.

Original Human Beings in China.

The western part of Sze-chuan Province, China, might well be called the Museum of the Human Race, the as-yet-undiscovered happy hunting ground of the ethnologist and physiognomist. Here are to be found the surviving remains in the most heroic struggle for existence that humanity has ever waged and who, for lack of a better term, we call the 'Tribesmen.' The Chinese call them "The Eighteen Nations," but it is believed that there are several times eighteen nations or tribes, each under its own king, council, or feudal lord, independent or semi-independent of each other and of the Chinese in whose borders they dwell. Among the tribesmen are found representatives of the black, yellow and white branches of the human family, and some of them, especially the dwarf peoples, are believed to be of very ancient origin.

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Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—What is believed to be the oldest portrait of a human being has been discovered in the University of Pennsylvania Museum's collection of clay tablets from Babylonia, according to an announcement made by Dr. Leon Lograin, curator of the Babylonian section. The portrait is on a postage stamp, which also served as a seal for a registered package, dated about 2300 B.C.

It is a picture of Ibi-Sin, the last King of Ur, known to Bible students as Ur of the Chaldee.

The package or sack, bearing the seal, Dr. Legrain said, appears to have been sent by the high priest of the Temple of Ur, in which Abraham later worshipped, to a banker named Shulpeo and probably contained gold.

"It is of unusual importance to archaelogists," he added, "because it probably gives a clue to the personal appearance of the Sumarions, who were not a Semitic race.

"The portrait is on a clay postage stamp and is the result of rolling an engraved cylinder over the soft clay. It is as clear and distinct and the features as well defined as the day it was made. The astonishing thing is that it shows the king-god as smooth shaven. There are two supposed portraits before the one just discovered, but in neither of them is there any apparent effort at realism. Each has a long beard, and among the hundreds of representations of gods each has a beard. It seems likely that beards were considered solely as belonging to the gods and that kings wore false ones to make appearance more impressive.

"The portrait shows a man seated on a throne with an undoubted nose, well defined mouth and general characteristics so individual that it must have been taken from life. It is significant that the picture shows a lock of hair projecting in the forehead from beneath the turban hat and another from behind.

"Before the days of Ibi-Sin we never heard of a king giving any one a seal containing his portrait, but in this instance the seal not only distinctly says the king god hands the seal to the high priest of the Temple of Ur, but shows a picture of the event, which is amazing from an archeological point of view. Possibly the fact that Ibi-Sin was the last of his dynasty and may have seen the end coming was responsible for this remarkable gift."

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