

We take it that the overwhelming importance of play lies in the value it possesses as a brake. It is a means of civilization demands more numerous and more rapid nervous adjustments than for large classes of the community. It does not seem that what we call the physical basis of mental life properly is sustained without intervals for physical recreating by activities which make little demand on the higher nervous centers. We hardly are awake to the national importance of play as recreation. But the aimless shrieking and hurley-burley of many of the girls and boys in the playgrounds of our schools, is just that sort of primitive survival which we hope to see diminished. Guilds of play, school clubs, and kindred agencies are based on the view not that natural play is divine—most of those in close contact with the facts of human life know it is not—but that artificial play may be invented which will satisfy the desire for movement and beauty without gratifying low tastes and sentiments. And this same justification is found in belief as to acting. We cannot long maintain ourselves in the heights; we descend for rest to the lower slopes, keeping, if we can, out of the valleys beneath.

The problem for us is to use play as a relief from work without descending into barbarism in the process; to use play as a means of maintaining the physical strength to which modern life conditions are so inimical; to use play as a suggestive of mental development; so that we may find the easiest lines of approach for adult work and thought and to supersede the play which too narrowly exhibits primitive action, primitive beliefs, primitive ethics. Pre-Darwinian biology concluded that, given due liberality and sustenance, each individual would develop into a perfect being, according to the law of his species. And unimpeded development, spontaneity, and liberty were enthroned as ethical ideals. But with Malthus and Darwin and particularly with the doctrine of the origin of species there came a great change. Spontaneous variation was, indeed, the moving force, but it might occur in one direction just as much as another. The environment selected which should survive. Struggle for survival took the place of unimpeded development. "God helps those who help themselves," became the text of many edifying books; free trade all around; work first, play afterwards. The surplus energy theory logically correlates with these conceptions and their educational basis the excitement of competitive examination and "payment by results." Then came the dignum "Ontogeny repeats Phylogeny," the child passes through the stages which the race has passed through. Such a theory requires that the spontaneous activities of childhood shall be recapitulatory.

But both these great optimisms have given way. Neither unrestricted liberty nor equality in strife commends itself to the thought of to-day. The survival of the fittest turns out to mean the survival of those who survive, since that is the law of fitness. Though in the long run, as the economist say, national progress may be the best, yet of individuals applied to our present town populations, we may be pardoned for not thinking too, highly of the survivors. So that the (un)conditional justification of complete recapitulation is gone and we need not regard unimpeded and instinctive driving guides to which exclusive attention must be given. But there is something on the other side. It is true, no doubt, as some recent work seems to show, that variation has a trend and is not entirely indifferent in directing, yet we lack that confidence in the inheritance of acquired characters which formed, yet another strong support of incidental optimism.

The upward movement of men in the whole does not seem to be taking place. Noble, not nurtured, has again become the dominant partner, but Nature, no longer as a beneficent mother, working wholly for good, but as a stern taskmaster whom we must obey that we may live; but from whom, if we sully him carelessly, we may snatch here and there a little victory for our own ideals. And this view, as we take it, has an exact application to the school work of to-day. Let us, by all means study the specialities of play; no destructive work in this department can be thrown away, but to erect our inspiring edifices into pedagogical imperatives is fatal.

FAIR HAIR UNPOPULAR.
In S-via the dislike entertained to fair hair is so acute that it extends even to the white hair of old age. No Syrian woman who respects herself would appear in public with white hair. Nor does she attempt to conceal the fact that she dyes it periodically. The custom has come down to her from time immemorial.

WORLD'S HIGHEST BRIDGE.
The new bridge across the Zambesi river, Africa, is the highest in the world. It is of the cantilever style and crosses the river for a distance of 500 feet at a height of 420 feet to the low-water level to the rails, or about 380 feet from high water. It consists of three spans, and is about 30 feet wide.

SOLDIERS ON OXEN.
The strongest military body in the world is a French cavalry at Saint Jean d'Acre, a province on the coast of Syria. These soldiers go about their military operations on oxen. The animals are lean creatures, and it is said they move with surprising rapidity.

PREPARING HOGS FOR MARKET.
At one time I tried to fatten a fat pig by feeding them what I found in the stables. This I found very wasteful as the grain did not seem to be utilized. I had the same experience feeding whole wheat soaked for eight days. This was largely undigested and practically wasted. At the same time I fed another hogs ground wheat and corn made into mush. This ate so rapidly that it made a bunch of pigs on wheat and oats grow

THE TWO LAWS OF LIFE

The Great Teacher Was Right When He Called For Self-Denial and Self-Victory.

"If thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee." (Matt. xviii, 6)

The odds are hard to accept that away why should it have been given to us? Why this selfhood with its great longings, its surging desires, its great wills to be untrammelled and free, and to be perpetually denied? If religion means, as some plainly have said, the things we do not want to do, and leaving undone those you desire, it is a mockery, a contradiction of our lives and natures.

Therefore there exists another philosophy which says, boldly: Live out all that is in you: do all the things you are sufficient to do in themselves, gratification. They say this is free; therefore, let him realize himself in giving free and full expression to every thought, inclination, appetite, and passion.

THE TEST OF LIFE.

How does it work out? What are the best lives, the lives that are richest and that have most enriched the world? Are they those that have given free rein to the fancy that have nurtured and brought to fruitful growth of the heart's garden, whether it be the heart's garden, or the heart's garden, or the heart's garden?

THE S. S. LESSON.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON.
JUNE 24.
Lesson XIII. Second Quarterly Review.
Golden Text: John 7: 46.
RESPONSIVE REVIEW SERVICE.
LESSON I.
Leader: A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Leader: Jesus said to Simon, the Pharissee, there was a certain creditor which had two debtors, the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. Boys: And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore which of them will love him more? Girls: The one to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, thou hast rightly judged.

Leader: And when the demoniac saw Jesus, he cried with a loud voice, What have I to do with thee? (For he said, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit!) Boys: And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine. Girls: And forthwith Jesus gave them leave.

that have illumined the way of man's advance have not been the dancing flames of selfish, sensual passions, but the cooling summing of the bodies of the martyrs and heroes, either burning in their passion for others, or denying and losing all rather than denying truth and light.

THE LEVEL OF THE LOWEST.

But life is not license—it is choice, selection, sacrifice, death. Pain is the only price at which perfection may be purchased. Self-realization comes not by permitting things to have their way, but by rejecting all that is not the securing of that high end.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Mr. John Morley began his career as a London Journalist by writing literary reviews. The Prince of Wales killed his first tiger near Jaipur, curiously enough the very place where King Edward shot his first big game.

Scientific Experiment Meets With Splendid Success—Three Lost Years.
William Griggs, the man who lost his past, has found it. Science has restored to him the memories of the three years of his life which he had apparently lost. On Saturday he described under hypnotic influence everything that occurred during the period—March, 1903, to March 9, 1906—over which his mind was blank.

HYPNOTISM BRINGS BACK A LOST MEMORY.
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The Emperor of China has a household consisting of 500 persons, including 300 bearers of State umbrellas, a great number of fan-bearers, thirty physicians and surgeons, seventy-five astrologers, seventy-five cooks, and sixty priests.

Mr. Samuel Coles, of Loxborough, England, is receiving congratulations from his countrymen for his role in the celebration of his wedding. He spends his time in the week as a wheelwright, and on Sundays walks many miles to preach in villages, stopping to pray at each mile.

IN AUSTRIA.
The vessels were the Royal George and the Prince Arthur. It was on the morning of the 12th of December, 1913, when they were entering the harbor of Buenos Aires, when a wave swept over the ship and knocked me down, knocking my teeth out.

ATTACKED HIM.
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HOW A WOMAN DROVE A MAN TO KILL HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Tulle, the woman in the case, was the wife of a saloonkeeper at Bosc-Beranger, a little village of something over 400 souls, near Rouen. She is irredeemably ugly, with such a stare in her eyes and a shrill voice. Pierre Forqueray was the village blacksmith, a big, lumbering, slow-witted fellow.

HIS ATTENTIONS TO HER.
"Oh, indeed," said she on one of those occasions, "he is attentive enough when there are people about, but when we are alone, he is as stupid as a dog."

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CZAR'S UN

Terrible Scene

MASSACRE OF JEWS

A despatch from Moscow says: "A massacre of Jews here on Thursday, in which here were killed and wounded shops demolished, and many houses and churches destroyed."

ON THE FARM

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