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Editor Sheridan Road News Letter:

Some of the world's people who would have us believe that the main object of life is to know everything and do nothing, without money and without price, tell us that all disease has its origin in the mind, and that all the wrongs and woes of the world could be cured if only the right thought could be obtained.

They tell us that jealous, envious thoughts affect the liver and make "liver trouble;" that rheumatism comes from dissatisfaction with one's environment and that indigestion is caused by acquiring knowledge faster than it is used; and that intellectual cramming is quite as deleterious to the health as physical gourmandizing.

If these things be true, and who shall say they are not, it is time for us to begin helping the world to better thought.

"Wrath is cruel and anger is outrageous, but who is able to stand before envy?" Certainly not he who is envious. His affected ridicule of one whom he envies, but makes him ridiculous to all who hear him. "They that hate the righteous shall be desolate."

Moreover nobody is worth envying and nobody is worth hating. A man pays so dearly for his successes that could the price be known he would be pitied for his secret martyrdom rather than envied for his position.

Nobody is worth hating; for however badly he has acted, the penalty is inseparable from the wrong and his suffering is inevitable, if not now later, but most surely. Whoso grudges another his success or happiness opens in his own heart a fountain of bitterness that will keep from him every sweet and abiding joy. Somebody will always outshine him; Somebody must be always ahead of him; yet if he could rejoice in another's weal he would have always an occasion for happiness.

And if rheumatism is induced by dissatisfaction with one's environment the remedy would be to become reconciled to one's surroundings.

When Fenelon said: "be reconciled to thy past," he did not mean

that we should return to and repeat the mistakes of the past. He meant only that we should remember that even "Failure is a part of God's infinite plan," and so accept what is beyond our control as the best possible thing that could be given to us for our especial state of mind.

Our circumstances will always change when we have got from them all the good there is in them.

The most difficult environment has its lesson of patience, of meekness, of humility;—or of courage and calm resistance to error in silent faith that God is our all and can vanquish the most obdurate evil. Things are never as bad as they seem. Moreover we know not what an hour may bring forth.

An English paper gives an account of a man who was penniless and too ill to work. In sudden despair he committed suicide, and one hour afterwards a messenger came in search of him with the news that he had inherited a fortune from a relative of whose existence he was ignorant. One hour! Does it not recall the pathos of that question uttered by the Man of sorrows: "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

There is no more comforting thought than, "man deviseth his way but God directeth his steps." This, then, which seems so hard to bear, is sent us by the infinite wisdom of an infinite love. We do not know what it means any more than an infant knows the meaning of its' mother's arms; but it means God and this means good. If we can receive this thought we shall rest in it until gradually we shall become reconciled to our environment and when peace comes, pain goes.

Concerning the spiritual law of the disease called indigestion; and the occult law of suicide these will be given in a later issue of the SHERIDAN ROAD NEWS-LETTER.

AGNES LEONARD HILL.

We asked Evans Bros. to send us a choice watermelon the other day, and when we served it, we found it the best we ever ate and they had lots more just like it.

Purdy has put in a line of B. G. I. golf goods.

SIDEWALK ORDINANCE.

For cement sidewalk on St. Johns avenue and Laurel avenue.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois.

SECTION 1. That a sidewalk be constructed on the east side of St. Johns avenue and north side of Laurel avenue, immediately in front of the following described lots or parcels of land:— Lots twenty-six (26) in block twenty-three (23) on St. Johns avenue and lot twenty-six (26) in block twenty-three (23) on Laurel avenue, all in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, and that the whole cost thereof be levied upon such lots or parcels of land in proportion to their frontage upon such sidewalk.

SEC. 2. Said sidewalk shall be constructed under the supervision of the Foreman on Street work and subject to his approval, as follows: Said sidewalk shall be a cement sidewalk; the width of said walk to be five feet. The inner edge of said walk to be twenty-two inches from the lot line and parallel therewith, the inner and outer edges of said walk to be parallel. A trench shall first be excavated to a depth of sixteen inches below the grade of the finished walk, the inner edge of said trench to be sixteen inches from the lot line and parallel therewith, said trench to be six feet wide. In the trench prepared as above there shall be laid clean beach sand or clean coal cinders to the depth of eleven and one-half inches, which shall be well puddled and tamped down. In this trench when filled as aforesaid, shall be laid a concrete foundation three and one-half inches thick and five feet in width. The inner edge of said concrete to be twenty-two inches from the lot line and parallel therewith. Said concrete to be composed of gravel or fine crushed stone, either or both, mixed with imported English or German Portland cement, or a cement equal in kind and quality, in the proportion of one to seven, which shall be well and thoroughly tamped down. Upon this shall be laid a top finish one inch thick, composed of imported Portland cement, or a cement equal in kind and quality, and clean torpedo sand in equal parts, mixed in water and trowelled off to a smooth finished surface.

At all wagon crossings intersecting said walk the same shall be constructed in manner as herein provided, except that the top finish of said walk shall be fluted with longitudinal lines four inches apart and the quantity of concrete shall be five and one-half inches thick. Alongside of the outer edge of said trench a ditch shall be dug six inches wide and at least twenty-four inches deep in which shall be laid three-inch common porous drain tile for the entire length of said walk, said drain tile to be so laid as to have a proper fall to carry off water, and to be connected at the end with the street gutter, or with any convenient catch basin; the joints of said tile to be covered with tar paper. Said ditch for said tile shall be filled in with sand, cinders or gravel to the depth of eighteen inches, and then to the surface with the excavated earth. The spaces between the edges of said sidewalk when completed and the edges of said trench shall be filled in with sand flush to the surface of the ground. The grade of said sidewalk shall be fixed by the city engineer, and all persons desiring the grade shall apply to the said engineer for the same.

SEC. 3. All owners of lots or parcels of land, aforesaid, are hereby required to construct said sidewalk, in front of their respective land, within thirty days after the date of publishing this ordinance; and in default thereof, said materials to be furnished and sidewalk to be constructed by said city.

SEC. 4. Said foreman on street work shall certify to a bill of the cost of said sidewalk, constructed by said city, showing in separate items the cost of grading, materials, laying down and supervision, and file it in the office of the city clerk, together with a list of the lots or parcels of land touching upon the line of the said sidewalk, the name of the owners thereof, and their frontage on said sidewalk.

SEC. 5. The city collector is hereby designated the officer to collect the special tax herein provided, and to whom the warrants for the same shall be directed.

SEC. 6. The city clerk shall comply with the provisions of "An act to provide additional means for the construction of sidewalks in cities, towns and villages," in force in Illinois, July 1st, A. D. 1875; and if any land is delinquent after return of warrant by said city collector, then said clerk shall make report of all such special tax, in writing, to the county treasurer and ex-officio county collector, prior to April 1st, 1900, as required by said act.

Passed July 7th, 1899.

Approved July 13th, 1899.

DANIEL COBB,

Mayor.

ATTEST:
JOHN FINNEY, city clerk.