



**ROCKEFELLER'S ABILITY.
WISE FOX.
IMPUDENT CRITICISM.**

I have never believed in fortune teller, seer or prophet; the wise man is one able to profit by events after they happen.

John D. Rockefeller displayed ability not only in making money. When his stomach failed some years ago, he investigated the subject as he did an oil field, and made it function again to his advantage. The Rockefeller Foundation, his tribute to philanthropy, is as well managed as the Standard Oil Co. . . . Although the disposition is not to think better of him, Mr. Rockefeller was once regarded as the world's greatest sinner. If he could be judged justly by some unknown power, I believe his rating, from the cradle to the grave, would be as high as that of any other man that ever lived, all because of his enormous common sense; his knowledge that honesty is the best policy.

Intelligence is merely that cunning exhibited by a fox; knowledge of traps, dogs, men, poison, inherited and acquired from long experience.

A fox, celebrated as smartest of dumb brutes, is never prejudiced or fanatical; he is able to use every particle of sense he has.

If a fox encounters suspicious tracks, he doesn't stop to argue that he is entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but makes off to safer territory. When a man encounters danger, he too frequently stops to argue about his rights, and the danger overtakes him. A fox knows no heaven except hen roosts where there are neither dogs nor men; every fox is his own doctor, preacher, and philosopher, and never yet has there been a fox urging foxes and men to make up, and love each other. Foxes have become famous because they use all the intelligence they have, a good habit most men lack.

Constructive criticism is often great impudence. Here are our best men in transportation, finance, manufacturing, farming, mechanics, navigation, engineering, merchandising, and in all the other legitimate activities of life. They have at least done so well that our country ranks first in all essential respects. But there come a lot of palpable second raters who declare that everything has been done wrong. The bulk of these constructive critics are much like barbers talking about the money problems of the world, or tennis players discussing the problems of transportation.

If a man harms himself in spite of repeated warnings easily understood, he is lacking in intelligence. I do not care how many powerful poems he may have written, or how many eloquent sermons he may have delivered; if he does not exercise ordinary practical sense and fairness in affairs most vital to him, he is not intelligent. Jean Jacques Rousseau

is a famous man, but the man was not intelligent; his private life proves it. A man's private life is the real testing ground. Lazarus is also a famous name, but the man failed so utterly we hear of him only to teach us charity.

The New York optometrists have recommended eye exercises, and goodness knows the girls are doing their best to help us out.—Dayton News.

Has Device to Tell Whose Car Hits You

Described as an "automatic traffic protector," a device has been invented by Rudolf Hoffman, of Berlin, which aims to identify hit and run drivers, according to word received by the Chicago Motor club.

The device is said to be fitted under the chassis of an automobile, and upon impact of the car with any ob-

ject it causes a white plate, in which a blinking red light is incorporated, to be raised above one of the license plates. The driver, according to reports, is unable to interfere with the operation of the mechanism.

The success of the Graf Zeppelin would seem to indicate that ten years hence we may be able to spend the week end in Paris and get back to work on Monday morning — if we have the money.



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