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### CUPIDITY AND STUPIDITY

Statistics show that something like ninety-five out of each one hundred life insurance policies paid to women are gone within five years after payment. It would be easy to note the proportion as an evidence of the natural extravagance of women and the easy parting with money that seems so often to be a basic characteristic of the fair sex, but it is quite as easy to account for the unfortunate condition that is suggested by the disposition of the vendor of blue sky in all its forms to seek out the woman who has been bereaved not only of husband or father but of the source upon which she has depended for advice and guidance in the expenditure of such money as she may have happened to possess.

There is nothing new in the realm of iniquity revealed in the depredations which the New York broker, and others of his kind, who have "handled" the money of women to the end that there was nothing left for them to handle after the investments that were made. It is the old story of the wolf and the lamb and the habit of the unscrupulous to rob the widow and the orphan, a habit which has not developed in this generation, nor is to be attributed to the breaking down of standards because of the influences of the war.

So long as girls are reared with no knowledge or realization of the meaning of business and business affairs, so long as women are "sheltered" from contact with the serious things of life outside the family circle, so long will there be ample material upon which the dishonest broker may prey. It's not a matter of particular interest in the lists of crime. It is one which calls for better education of the victims in order that they may not quite so readily offer themselves a sacrifice upon the altar of the cupidity of men.

### BIBLE STUDY AND THE CONSTITUTION

If it is the purpose of the Illinois Bible League to prevent the acceptance of the work of the Constitutional Convention by the electorate of the state they could have no better weapon than a clause incorporated into the code which is to evolve from the deliberations of that body making the reading of the Bible a compulsory part of the curriculum of the public school system of the state. Nothing so stirs antagonism as an effort to impose religious teaching unapproved by a portion of the parents of the children of the public schools, and nothing could be expected from those who oppose the denominational presentation of the Bible but the most strenuous sort of endeavor to prevent the passage of a constitution providing for it when it shall come up for ratification by the voters of the state.

We have Sunday schools. We have optional study of the Bible in many communities. We have the privilege, once so highly prized, of teaching the children in our own homes as much of the Bible as meets with the desire of the

parents to see their children properly trained. To impose upon those of different religious faith the subjection of their children to training in the Bible is an injustice which they are justified in resenting. And resentment would certainly take the form of negative votes, with the sure rejection of the proposed constitution upon its submission to the electorate.

One's sympathy goes out to Mr. Will B. Hays when one contemplates the recent developments in filmland. To give to the picture play profession the "spring house-cleaning" which he has promised, Mr. Hays will have to begin deep down in the habits of the people whose faces have become familiar to the movie-going public. With towns barring by legal action the appearance of stars whose brilliance has suffered momentary eclipse because of their being touched by the black finger of scandal, the moral and financial aspects of the industry become confused. Mr. Hays has a real job upon his hands, one which will make the political atmosphere in which he has lived during recent years, appear sanctimonious in comparison.

The phenomenal growth of the Boy Scout organization in the twelve years of its life is abundant evidence of the need which it has filled in the experience of the boyhood of America. It is too soon yet to know just how the scout training will affect the quality of the citizenship of the men of the next generation, but there is every reason to think that it has been a corrective factor in an age of liberal bad influence, that the discipline that scout training provides has been a valuable thing in this age of slack home influence and the letting down in the old ways of bringing up the child in the way he should go which is characteristic of the times. Early impressions are likely to be lasting and it is to be expected that the habits that are developed around the Scout oath and rules of conduct will stick with the Scout after he shall have become a man. Service, cleanliness of body and mind, fidelity to principle, these are no mean traits to develop in the youth of a nation.

### HELPING OUR OWN

Foreign countries profess to be greatly shocked at the suggestion that the United States government may extend aid to its merchant marine in the form of subsidies. The idea that other maritime powers should experience real competition from the United States is so novel that foreign minds fail to grasp its true significance. Subsidies in one form or another have been granted for many years by other countries that have fought for a share of world trade. The United States has held off for so long that other nations seem to feel that they have a monopoly of the subsidy privilege. They are due for a revelation. Under sound economic policies and the able leadership of Chairman Lasker of the Shipping Board, the American merchant marine has before it a long period of prosperity.

Movie houses in Massachusetts have barred the pictures in which the stars prominent in the most recent scandalous murder in Hollywood appear. It is a striving after virtue that is a bit too forced to be impressive. Certainly there are things even in Massachusetts that are more harmful to youthful morals than the pictures which show the innocent characters depicted by Mary Miles Minter, for instance. As well bar the literary productions of those whose lives have been lived without due regard to the conventions. There is little enough that is suitable for young people either in the screen or on the stage. Why bar what will be endured that is decent?

Do you think dirt never fell off a diamond ring—soak yours in Blue Devil and watch.  
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## CAMP ROOSEVELT TO BE AT LA PORTE, IND.

### Famous Boys' Military Training Camp Gets Home

Camp Roosevelt, the national educational training camp for boys under the jurisdiction of the Chicago Board of Education, will move to its permanent camp-site near LaPorte, Indiana. This brings the camp within sixty-five miles of Chicago. The site was used as a boys' school, and a splendid gymnasium, mess hall seating one thousand, modern sewage system, large hospital, classroom buildings, bungalows, and recreation rooms will add materially to the comfort and well-being of the boys who attend.

"We always considered the former

camp-site too far away, especially since a majority of the boys were from around Chicago," said Major F. L. Beals, Commandant of the camp. "It will take only an hour and a half on the train to get to the new camp."

The camp will open on July 5, and continue for a period of six weeks, instead of eight as heretofore. The season will be divided into two periods of three weeks each. Boys may enroll for either one or both of these periods. The Summer School, the Military Division, and the Junior Camp will provide for the differing requirements of boys of various ages.

Because of the splendid facilities which the new camp-site offers, it is anticipated that many improvements and additions to the camp program will be effected. The Camp Roosevelt Association is decidedly optimistic about the 1922 camp outlook.

The Chicago Headquarters has changed its location to Room 503, 460 South State Street, the new home of the Education Division of the Board of Education. Major F. L. Beals, makes this public announcement through the press for the information of the many people who are already seeking information for the summer.

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