

Our Women and Children

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AGAINST THE CURRENT.

Those who have a purpose in life are striving toward that purpose; those who are courageous, ambitious and patient and are trying to lift themselves and others upward are steering their life vessels against the current, while those who are satisfied with going downward, who are waiting for something to turn up, those who are without ambition, without bravery and do not even attempt to push forward, are drifting with the current.

Courage is one of the main elements that help to push forward. Many do not possess it, hence their power to resist the current is lost. We must possess the courage to hold on. All vessels steering upstream must encounter the winds, must contend with the waves that beat against them, before they reach a successful landing.

A dead fish will float with the stream, but it takes a very lively one to swim against a strong current. We reach success by persevering. If the causes of all the failures in the world were found, it would be seen that they were mostly due to the loss of self-confidence. It takes self-confidence to pull out and act independently, to keep one's grip and climbing qualities.

"Live for something; have a purpose, And that purpose keep in view; Drifting like a helpless vessel, Thou canst ne'er to life be true."

Success seldom comes by chance. Luck should be spelled by prefixing a "P." Work, strive, persevere! He pays dear who succeeds where others fail. L. S. E.

YOUR NEIGHBOR'S FEARS AND CARES

Many of our worst troubles arise from thinking of what others may be thinking about us. We wonder what the neighbors are saying. Often our imaginations get to work and when we see two acquaintances talking we make ourselves the subjects and build up all sorts of gossip and misrepresentation. If we happen to hear our names mentioned casually, we jump to the conclusion that we are being ridiculed or condemned. This is one of humanity's oldest ailments and it has done more to bring gray hairs, produce insomnia and make wrinkles than any dozen diseases. The pity is that the whole thing is so unnecessary.

Even if people do gossip about us we ought to be strong enough to ignore it. You do not stop work because there are a few noises around. You work all the harder and conquer the distractions. If you did not you would never earn a living. God gave us minds to lift ourselves. It happens that in nine cases out of ten the others are thinking less about us than we are about them, and in most of the other tenth they are not saying anything that would hurt. There is a quaint old Scotch blessing to church-goers that has these very apt lines:

The one that's in the seat wi' ye Is stranger here than you may be, A' here hae got their fears and cares. Take any side of the problem you wish and you will find that your

neighbors think no more ill of you than you do of them, and that always they have just about the same fears and cares as you have. When we get into the mood of suspecting our neighbors we should read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians; we should read it all and read it often, but we should keep very clear in our memory the last three words of the fifth verse, which are, "thinketh no evil."—Woman's World.

A PRAYER.

Master of sweet and loving lore,
Give us the open mind,
To know religion means no more,
No less, than being kind.

Give us the comprehensive sight
That sees another's need,
And let our aim to set things right
Prove God inspired our creed.

Give us the soul to know our kin
That dwell in flock and herd,
The voice to fight man's shameful sin
Against the beast and bird.

Give us a heart with love so fraught
For all created things,
That even our unspoken thought
Bears healing on its wings.

Give us religion that will cope
With life's colossal woes,
And turn a radiant face of hope
On troops of pigmy foes.

Give us the mastery of our fate
In thoughts so warm and white,
They stamp upon the brows of hate
Love's glorious zeal of light.

Give us the strong, courageous faith
That makes of pain a friend,
And calls the secret word of death
"Beginning," and not "end."
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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