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gling thing it is-this craze for notoriety. There's something pathetic boy-you're not a seagull; you're a about it, too.

I never see a little, vague, futile, inept person longing for fame but I think of a poor little boy standing in the street and crying because he could not fly like the seagull which rose above his head and beat its wild way out to sea.

The little boy wasn't a seagullhe was something a good deal better and probably happier and a thousand times more useful. But, no, all he could do was to hearken miserably to the beating of the seaguil's wings and weep because he was forever tied to the earth.

of all the vital, gnawing, searing misery on earth, this modern craze for publicity and notoriety seems to me the most astonishing.

know is working day and night-not which happily failed to create any to do something that's of some usa great stir. It appeared in spots all of reserve nerve force and further agto somebody, not even to do some-thing that's fun for herself-but to cept in sections where bigotry is dition. When such a woman has no ex-citing pleasure, she at once feels mor-

an eagle!

but knew it-the eagle is probably that it took months and even years wishing he could find somewhere a to heal. nice, quiet little home in which to hide and a good piece of ripe cheese remember the time when in one camto add zest to the occasion.

to achieve fame of any kind who half a dozen states. More than went deliberately out to get it. The twenty congressmen elected at the painter paints because he mustthe writer writes either because he Both of the great political parties loves it or because he wants to make truckled to the bigots; and everysome money-and neither has the faintest thought of "fame" except as a means to an end.

How mixed up we all do get with



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cause and effect. Run home, little boy, worth a million seagulls.

## **Prejudice and Politics**

(By P. H. Callahan, Chairman of the Commission on Religious Prejudice, which started in 1914 under the Auspices of the Knights of Columbus and terminated in 1917.)

We are now far enough away from the late political campaign to prevent any wrong construction being put on a frank discussion of the attempt

Every other poor little nobody you attempt, shamefaced and anonymous, any exciting pleasure, yet every time thing that's fun for herself—but to get somebody to say something about her in a speech or in a "morning talk" or in a club paper or in a news-talk" or in a club paper or in a news-paper—or, at any rate, around the dinner table. What a cruel jest it is that puts into the breast of a timid, scurrying, little mouse the burning desire to be ple grew wrought up and embittered And all the time-if the mouse and deep, gaping wounds were opened

We of the older generation can paign men running on anti-Catholic I have never yet known anyone platforms were elected governors in same time were out and out anti's. where over the country communities were divided and embittered, and friends suspected one another and neighbors were afraid of one another.

Bigotry in those days was the stock-in-trade of almost every politician, regardless of party or religious belief. Political campaigns were the rich harvest season for professional propagandists, who usually managed to bleed all the parties in the contest. There is a delphic peculiarity about religious prejudice propaganda that adapts it to use on all sides. It was common in the old days to see the same stuff used by opposing parties in different communities. Even in the same com-O Just off the press. Pub-lished to sell at 25c and the press. Pub-Business Administra-tion, Advertising, Accounting, Parcel Post Merekandising, Satesmanship and Federal Taxation. Education in them-selves, Valuable, instructive, helpful. All prepaid to introduce our Business Service and Courses, for only 25c. Your opportunity. to answer in kind. And it was all the same to the managers what deep passions they set aflame, so long as they rallied support to their party or candidate. The propaganda anonymously circulated during the late campaign was typically delphic in character. If you are sick and want to Get Well It was adapted to use by Republican politicians to incite susceptible Protas to who was circulating it, was by sluggishness, throwing off impurities and restoring the tissues and nerves to a normal condition—and the next thing you know you are setting well. Sold on a test proposition. You are thoroughly satisfied it is helping you before the appliance is yours Noth-ing to do but wear it. No trouble or about the appliance is that it is sold so reasonable that it is within the reach of all, both rich and poor.

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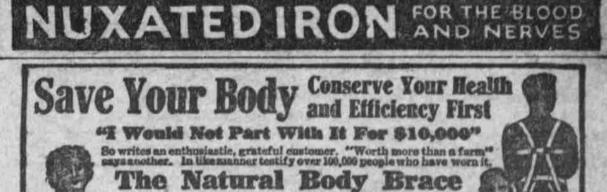
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