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Civilization has been steadily climbing upwards and onwards, let this process be called evolution, development, or survival of the fittest. Valleys and sea-coasts have always been in advance of the mountains and inferior lands; so much in advance, that they have tempted the uncultured savages of their borders, and thus, time and again, the great centres of civilization and culture have been conquered, in fact, almost swept away, by the inroads of wild mountaineers and the fierce shepherds or husbandmen of the inland plains and forests. Egypt, Persia, Greece, Italy, Gaul, and India all tell the same story.

Perhaps the most potent force always at work in development, is competition; competition that is striving after something seemingly better or higher, the competition that rises from the fanatical hate of individual for individual, family for family, tribe for tribe, nation for nation, and race for race, up to the sublime striving for "the Ideal" for perfection, for a realization of the noble possibilities in man.

Competition may be called the spirit that animates, guides, or misguides, human endeavors, and the broad high way that leads most quickly to the desired

end is the wise self denial that accumulates a reserve force sufficient to survive the hour of struggle.

Before the German tribes overwhelmed Rome, they had increased to countless multitudes, and by the mere power of number added to the inward decay of the Empire. They flooded all of northern and western Europe and northern Africa.

By the accumulation of wealth, strength and loyalty, England alone was able to resist Napoleon, and to establish her Empire in every portion of the world. By the self denial of the people, by an admirable thrift and industry, France was able to rise strong and well, from the desperate and annihilating blows of Germany; and because there was no such reserve, either mentally, morally, or physically, Turkey crumbled when one miserable little province revolted.

The question for individuals, as well as for nations, is to study the tendencies of the age, and sacrificing present enjoyments for future safety, their duty is to recognise as far as possible the inevitable fate of the coming years and lay their plans accordingly.

In America we are troubled by three phases of the race difficulty. The American or Indian is yielding, if not melting away, before the European. The negro