

## Hidden Wealth

By Samuel Rosinger

Rich, immeasurably rich, is the world in which we live. The surface of the earth alone abounds in resources that could sustain a race infinitely larger than the present population. And, if the surface of the earth is a huge table, laden with the choicest of viands, who can estimate the treasures which are hidden in the caverns of the earth. And richer, by far, than the dry land, is the ocean, the hidden treasures of which we have not even touched. I am convinced that, if the earth would refuse to yield her growth, the animal, plant and mineral life of the seas could abundantly supply mankind. And vastly richer than earth and sea, is the air which we breathe. When man will have learned to utilize only a fraction of the chemical substances and energies that are hidden in the air, life will be relieved of its drudgery and of that dreaded toil which stunts the brain and consumes the marrow of man.

And even as the Lord crammed vast material riches in every nook of the world, so he compressed inconceivable spiritual wealth in the mind of man. When you see a boy whittle a stick, mold a piece of clay, try his hand at a musical instrument, who knows what vast artistic skill is hidden in his fingertips? When you see a little girl play with a doll, pore over a book, or dress her brother's cut finger, who knows what vast treasures of mother-love, teacher's devotion and nurse's sympathy are hidden in that tender heart? Patience, industry, faith, hope, love, courage, devotion and all the virtues which render life noble and divine, are the hidden wealth which the Lord has placed in the humblest of human hearts.

And there are good reasons why the Lord has hidden life's treasures from us. Had he given us free access to them, we would wantonly waste them, even as children of rich parents so often squander their father's heritage for which they neither toiled nor sweated. The magic key that opens the portals to the hidden wealth of life is sincere effort as expressed in honest labor, and especially community effort and co-operation, organized will and united endeavor. "It is not good for man to be alone." This divine decree applies not only to marriage but to all relations of life. For, we are all struggling and suffering human beings, bent on the same tasks, tending toward the same goal. We are all susceptible to the same joys and the same sorrows. We all aspire to taste a few drops of the honey of happiness before life's labor is over. Hence, striking out for life's prizes in a mad individual scramble not only gains little for us, but even the little gained is devoid of enjoyment.

"For, all who joy would win,

Must share it. Happiness was born a twin."

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### Slants at the Meeting

You tell 'em. We are listening.

The good doctor's semi-anaemic soprano left us with a dearth of information as glaring as the Sun-set Limited's headlight.

We heard about as much as a mute would in a silence room, and the only point we got from the address was the extremes he used in his metaphor anent humidity and aridity.

Carl didn't seem to be half as nervous as the speaker and the latter is not going to provoke an argument out of us about his scholastic tenure of five months before he joined the University.

We concur with the gentleman's statement that we go to extremes in Texas, as well as in Rotary but we feel our programs will average up.

His hypothetical data on candy and gum, correlated with education, leads us to the natural inference that there are more gum-chewers in Texas than verb twisters.

Too, we know the stinting of a child in the rudiments of education can't add to the stature of his grandfather but what concerns us is the consumption per-capita of the new Fords when business gets on a free-wheeling basis.

We still don't know whether the gentleman was making a plea or just a statement of fact, but we somehow feel (with apologies to Sam Rosinger) that per-capita income has about trophied per-capita wealth and worldly goods have lost principle in interest or vice versa.

Anyway we remain all pouched out with educational necessities as complacently as a chipmonk does with meteorological data.

—Check.

## Political or Statesman

Frank R. Kent, Washington-Baltimore journalist, who has been lecturing in Texas this month, appeared before an Open Forum audience in Houston last week and among other things, said "Jack" Garner "is making a success of his job, not because he is a statesman, but because he is a shrewd politician."

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R. M. Hayes, writing in the Houston Post, takes exception to Mr. Kent's remarks and says the Baltimore political observer is inconsistent and contradictory in his appraisal of Mr. Garner. He cites Webster's and the Century dictionaries to prove that a politician and a statesman are one and the same thing.

Mr. Kent said in his opinion there are but two statesmen in Congress, Senator Cordell Hull and Senator Carter Glass. Mr. Hays contends that if that is the case there must be a lot of unemployed statesmen in Washington, and concluded his article by suggesting "that if Mr. Kent received any compensation for his appearance . . . he donate the amount to the fund for relief of unemployed statesmen."

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In his talk before the Forum, Mr. Kent had only the highest praise for Mr. Garner and his work in the role as speaker of the House. He did not contend that the speaker "is a great statesman, a profound thinker or a great man," but he did insist that the speaker is a clear-headed politician with plenty of sense, who uses tact, is cool in a crisis, and is a leader of men.

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Perhaps Mr. Kent did err when he said Jack Garner is not a statesman. Perhaps he believes the speaker is too blunt, too outspoken and too much of a fighter to be a statesman in his definition of the term. But Texans like "Uvalde Jack's" style, and apparently the rest of the country is well pleased with him from the complimentary remarks made about him all over the United States. Call him what you will—politician or statesman—it doesn't matter, he's giving the greatest exhibition of handling men—congressmen, if you please—that has been witnessed in this country in a long time.

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## Extra! Extra!

The visit of OLD IRONSIDES will be a treat for your Uncle Sam's Constitution, but when you launch your molars and incisors into Uncle Joe Broussard's bull Wednesday your constitution is going to receive the greatest thrill of its career.

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## Rochester Points Way

Citizens at Rochester, N. Y., have decided that they wait no longer to repair chimneys, build new homes, and overhaul factories. They are doing it NOW—and in the doing will put more than \$6,000,000 to work—thus, incidentally, solving the local unemployment problem with jobs, not charity. It is a piece of community co-operation and enterprise that might well be a model for cities and towns throughout America.

Libanus M. Todd, a retired manufacturer, is the man who conceived the simple idea back of the achievement, a writer in "The Rotarian" magazine reveals. He had planned eventually to build a formal garden in the rear of his home.

"But," he asked himself, "why not now? why not spend my money and help keep men at work—or make some new jobs?"

He told the idea to his neighbors. And they passed it along. Soon, there was an organized campaign to get householders, business men, and industrialists to pledge themselves not to wait longer to do needed repairs or construction work. The city and county were divided into districts, and an army of 1,151 enthusiastic solicitors went to work under the direction of the Civic Committee on Unemployment.

Results surprised the solicitors. Houses—one costing \$33,000—that wouldn't have been built for months became immediate possibilities. Improvements in scores of homes and factories were started, thus creating work for hundreds of idle men. The campaign gathered momentum, and when the final canvass ended, 10,771 persons had pledged themselves to spend \$6,026,351 within the next three months.

Does "the Rochester Plan" work? It does. The campaign was started on December 4. Ten days after it was wound up, 91 pledges had been completed with an actual expenditure of \$33,000. Three weeks later 248 pledges had been fulfilled with \$87,776 put back into circulation—7 percent more than was promised. And on February 9, a total of 438 pledges had been met with an expenditure of \$228,115—18 percent more than was pledged. It is regarded as extremely significant that 16 percent of this was for repairs and improvements to real estate, and 34 percent for equipment and furnishings.