

## THRIFT

By Samuel Rosinger

Making provision by systematic saving for a rainy day, is indeed, a sign of wisdom and foresight. Anyone who loves freedom, and does not wish to become a burden to his children, or a public charge, in old age, should lay aside a part of his earnings for the lean years of life. That intelligent thrift is not practiced more in America, is due not to inability, but to lack of individuality. We are imitative creatures, and instead of arranging our economic lives to suit our incomes, we feel duty bound to keep up appearances with the Jones'. The levelling effect of democracy brings about a standardization in our mode of living, and we grow poor in our effort to hide our poverty. We lack the courage to differ from our neighbors, and we sell our birthright of an independent old age for the bowl of pottage of keeping up appearances.

However, man doth not live by bread alone, and we must lay up for a rainy day not only material supplies, but also spiritual provisions. Material possessions alone, will not be able to provide us with comfort and satisfaction in the inactive days of life. Almost every mother who has a number of children, knows that on a rainy day, when children are confined indoors, the child that has a mental interest will settle down to a book and not chafe at the confinement, while those whose sole amusement is physical activity, almost wreck the house for lack of knowing what to do with themselves on a rainy day.

There are, unfortunately, a world of people past middle age or just entering old age, who in spite of material competence, are as miserable as boys who have to stay indoors on a rainy day. There are a world of retired people, who, because they neglected to develop the spiritual side of life, are at a loss to find a proper interest and occupation. You see these people at resorts, moving around aimlessly, reflecting weariness and exhaustion from the enforced idleness to which they are condemned. The tired business man is never as tired as when he is retired. What a pity that at an age when one is in a position to devote all his leisure to cultivating the faculties of heart and mind and build up the divinest part of life, so many lead a most purposeless existence. What a tragedy that the best part of our lives when we are no longer the slaves of passions and impulses, but are in a position to lead a calm and serene life, informed by reason and improved by existence, should have to be spent in stupid indolence.

Yes, let us lay up provisions for a rainy day, yet let those provisions be such that they should sustain not only our bodies, but also our minds and souls. Then, indeed, life will end not in a descent into the grave, but an ascent to Heaven, and the last bar of its music will not be dissonant death-rattle, but the triumphant finale of a glorious song.

# ROTARYGRAMS

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### *Slants at the Meeting*

We still think we would rather maintain our riparian rights on Village Creek with a few armadillos as medium of exchange than dwell in sumptuous shacks on the Volga with plenty of kopecs for spending money.

Col. Buck's discourse on Russia isn't going to start us on a pilgrimage to that land of buxom brides and wild whiskers.

Besides we are superstitious about numbers . . . five families in a room with full quota of quadrupeds isn't our idea of domestic quietude.

We may like our "bed time tales" but when old Bossie undertakes to caress us with one of the elongated type that's when we lose our affection for home ties.

Can you imagine paying three fifty to get spliced to one of those sisters of the steppes and then worry along to acquire that one fifty to get the conjugal knot severed?

It seems they play the Marxian system over there, and their method of scoring would put us in the ash can every time. We wouldn't have any more chance than a thin horse would under a fat woman on a cross country run.

They have six ways to inhibit you and five years to exhibit you in their socialistic scheme of existence.

It isn't what they believe, but what they enforce, that upsets us. We lose our sense of humor when old Commissair Serge Knockusoffsky tickles our epidermis with a little bayonet into submission. It's just not the kind of fun that provokes a ha ha from us.

If that bunch can put a couple of loops around civilization and tie a few knots in its tail in the next five years we are willing to give them credit for not only agrarian means but aggressive methods. Oh, Yeah?

—Check.

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Rotarygrams

*"I'm a Perfect Fool"*

Only a genius could write this line: "Everyone complains of the badness of his memory, but nobody of his judgment." It was written by Rochefoucauld, the French philosopher.

Can you recall ever having said, or ever having heard anyone say, "My judgment is terrible. I am a perfect fool."

No one ever said that seriously, and no one ever will. It is often said in jest by those who are so well established that they know the can stand a little dispraise.

Before any fault can be overcome it must be acknowledged. Therefore may it not be true that the failure to criticize our judgment is the obstacle that blocks the progress of many of us?

I doubt that judgment can be taught. It must be acquired slowly through experience, in about the same way that gray hair is acquired. All of us can save ourselves from serious heartaches due to bad judgment, if we will cultivate the habit of seeking counsel from the proper sources.

The world is getting so complicated that none of us are competent to judge well except in a limited sphere. An eminent physician must consult a banker about his investments, a lawyer about his legal affairs, and a mechanic about his automobile engine. The act of going to experts for advice is an index of good judgment; failure to do so is a sign of poor judgment.

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NOTICE

Monday, February 22nd at Sunset Grove, Orange Rotary Club will be host to Lake Charles, Port Arthur and Beaumont Clubs. Dinner, dancing and dallying about. Get your wife's permission to take her over.

Rotarygrams

*A Word from the Head Man*

Jim Edwards, Esquire,  
Beaumont, Texas.

My dear President:

This is a message which the board of directors of R. I. desired that I should write to each Rotary club president in the world and request that he, in turn, read it at the first regular meeting of the club during the month of February (or upon receipt by those clubs that receive it later).

A source of deep satisfaction is the determination the clubs have shown not to let themselves be weakened by unsatisfactory economic conditions in the community.

While membership statistics show a slight decrease in North America during the past year, there was an increase in Europe, South America and other parts of the world.

To the club, and especially to its present officers, my appeal is twofold:

1. To introduce into Rotary a greater number of the younger generation—there is ever with us a need for vigor and enthusiasm of youth tempered by the experience of those who have "been through the mill". This new blood can be obtained by inviting to fill active membership in vacant classifications young executives, or by bringing in as additional active members the sons or younger executive associates of Rotarians.
2. To keep the members informed on Rotary activities outside their own club. The interest of the individual in the activities of other Rotary clubs and in the movement as a whole is necessary to the progress and accomplishments which it is our right to expect of Rotary.

Yours sincerely,  
SYDNEY W. PASCALL,  
President.