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The "New Game"

INDUSTRY scans the hands it has received in the new deal.

It finds some aces and kings it has wanted for a long time.

It finds a few deuces, treys and jokers it didn't expect and several cards of strange denominations.

Instead of just another deal it turns out to be practically a new game—something on the order of "seven card stud" with the deuces and one-eyed jacks momentarily wild.

The pot, however, is Recovery—jobs, purchasing power, orders. It is worth playing for, win, lose or draw. Buy your chips and sit in.

Any game is better than ring-around-the-rosy and hide-and-seek with Inertia, Dry Rot and the Sheriff.

It's an emergency measure. The good parts will survive. The bad, if any, will perish.

Play the Game. It's the law of the land.

Office Boy's Observation on Reading a Speech:

It may be ethical to be read into acquiescence but we would much rather be talked into submission.

There is something mechanical about reciting the heiglyphics from a paper that makes the words lose their savor.

The soporific effect is as pronounced as three point two but the rude awakening from a peaceful siesta by an occasional oral statement is what leaves you as dry as a prohibitionist argument.

We are not complaining about this method of difusion, just kicking, as it reminds us of drinking soup with a tooth-pick . . . you get a lot of exercise but not much sustenance.

Or it might be compared to scratching flees on another dog's back . . . it's good calesthenics but what we want is relief.

Too, that individual punch in tongue emphasis is just as scarce as a full larder these days.

Without mental reservation or equivocation we had rather hear a hair-lip backwoodsman try to discourse off hand in Greek than to listen to the most sonorous voice as its owner reads the emphonic phrases from a prepared paper.

In other words we naturally dislike to have our ethics dealt off a cold sheet of paper from unresponsive type. We think it better to listen to even a bad gift of gab but with the warmth of spontaneity.

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True Manhood

By Samuel Rosinger

One of the infallible signs of true manhood is a willingness to undergo a change of heart and mind when one sees the error of his ways, and discard views and opinions which in the light of experience have proven untenable. For the average man is a mulish animal, and, if once he makes up his mind, and forms a judgment that crystalizes into a conviction, no argument or persuasion can dislodge it from his tenacious heart. And, yet, change is the fundamental principle of life. Change is the universal law that brooks no exception. What is right, as we see it today, may be a wrong in the light of our increased knowledge tomorrow, and vice versa. There are, no doubt, certain immutable moral principles that retain their validity unto all eternity, but their application to life is subject to change from age to age.

Temperance, for instance, will ever remain a virtue, and excess a vice. But the manner or method by which temperance is to be cultivated and inculcated in the heart of man, may differ at times. Some think that the cause of temperance is best furthered by keeping man from temptation through legal restraint, while others believe that educating man to resist and overcome temptation, is the road which leads to the goal of temperance. Experience has proven that in the emergency of war prohibitory laws are the most effective means by which

to govern a people, while in times of peace, personal liberty in its widest sense, is the principle most conducive to the observance of law and order.

This nation is to be congratulated on its wisdom in finally recognizing this distinction, and realizing that a restriction instituted as a war measure is utterly unfit to regulate the normal flow of life in the broad channels of peace. The reversal of opinion, especially by the conservative South, on such a highly controversial subject, is a token of true manhood, which is willing to correct an error, even after it has crept into the basic law of the land.

Mercenary minds ascribe the change this nation has undergone on the question of prohibition to economic motives. It is a gross insult and a grave injustice to this nation to presume that it would sell its convictions for the mess of pottage of slightly reduced taxation, or for the trifle which repeal might contribute to the revival of industry. The change is due to the desire of our people to revert to the true spirit of democracy, which must not be throttled by governmental regulations, for it remains ever true, that the least governed is the best governed country.

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Missing Last Four Meetings:

T. F. Rothwell
C. W. Duperior

Missing Last Three Meetings:

J. C. Clemmons

Missing Last Two Meetings:

R. L. Casey
Lawrence Galewsky
R. L. Kennedy
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Rube Stuart
Stuart R. Smith
W. L. Simonton

It is imperative that the board of directors take action on Rotarians who fail to maintain their 60 per cent attendance.

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How much easier our work would be if we put as much effort trying to improve the quality of it as most of us do trying to find excuses for not properly attending to it.—George W. Ballinger.

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Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who know me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower when I thought a flower would grow.—Abraham Lincoln.