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ADVICE

The cheapest and commonest means of reform in the world today is advice, some of it excellent, much of it like the finger post, pointing the way but unable to follow it. If the world goes wrong henceforth—morally, spiritually, intellectually, or physically, it will not be through want of advice.

We have undertaken much in connection with the training of the youth; they need it; they have needed it in all ages, and through all these ages boys have been the stuff that men have been made of, good and bad, men noble and ignoble, each arriving at his destined sphere of usefulness or uselessness because of or in spite of the admonitions of well-meaning men and women. Some of the most unpromising boy-material in the world have turned out to be its most useful men. And the reverse of this is true. From the best homes and the best environment, through some freak of destiny or of misfortune, young men have gone out to ruin. These however, are the exception. In ninety nine cases out of a hundred, probably in larger proportion, the product of the home is true to type.

The home, the church, the school are the three great factors in moulding the life of the coming

man or woman and the greatest of these, for good or ill, is the home. The home may be sweet and pure and above reproach; it may have no taint of heredity to threaten the future of the son or daughter, yet by accepting a false standard of success it may wreck that future. Success is too often measured, in the home and in the community, by its cash value, not by the value of its service to humanity or to the world; the child is sent to school and to college to be trained for a profession or a career that promises financial success, or its equivalent—respectability and social standing. These, if attained, do not constitute real success; some of the world's most pitiable failures have "money to burn" and the entire to the best society. The home must set up real standards, follow them unflinchingly and the children will follow. Similar influence should be exerted by the school and the church both of which while leading the thought of the community are dependent upon the co-operation and sympathy of the homes. The three, working in harmony, following the same lofty ideals, sternly and uncompromisingly discountenancing evil wherever it appears, will build up a wholesome community and, by so much, help to build up a great and successful nation.

UNCENSORED NEWS

Now that the censorship has been removed we shall learn many new things concerning the war. Some brief reference was made some months ago to the fact that a car ferry service had been established between England and France. Particulars now to hand give some idea of the part played in the war by this ferry. It may be said in the first place that the ferry is larger than that between Borden and Tormentine, its capacity being fifty four fully loaded British Standard railway cars, or the equivalent in locomotives, tanks, automobiles or other freight. The English terminus of the ferry is at Richborough between Ramsgate and Dover. The loaded cars

are run on tracks into the holds of the steamers of which there are several. On arrival in France the cars are run direct, to the front without any rehandling. Each steamer mounted a few twelve powder guns the efficacy of which was tested only once when the ferry was attacked by a submarine which was beaten off. The time required for docking, discharging, reloading and putting to sea again was thirty minutes. Those ferries were a potent factor in keeping the allied armies supplied and incidentally, a potent factor in putting the Germans where they are today. The uncensored story of the war will have many surprises when it is all written.

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

The vague and as yet undefined term "Freedom of the Seas" has been pretty well threshed out during the past few weeks and while the expression is vague and undefined there is neither vagueness nor indefiniteness about the conclusion arrived at in Great Britain. Lloyd George placed the seal of Great Britain upon the question and practically closed discussion upon it the other day in a speech in Bristol when he said "Wherever the request come from we are not going to give up the protection of the navy so far as Great Britain is concerned." Whatever shapes politics may take in England, on this question there will be practical unanimity and there will be little dissent from it in any other country. The whole world, Germany included, knows that the British navy won the war, that without it not only the British Empire but France, Italy, the United States and, for that matter, the

rest of the world would long ere this have been under the tyrant hoof of Germany. Much has been made of President Wilson's use of the term "the freedom of the Seas," which he laid down as a plank in the peace terms. What he meant by it he himself has not ventured to state but it is probable he may have an opportunity of throwing some light upon it during his visit to Europe, although not at the Peace Conference as it is unlikely the question will be discussed there. The freedom of the seas as maintained by Great Britain the past four hundred years has been quite satisfactory to the world until Germany demanded it and then the world understood what Germany wanted; Had the British Navy been other than it was then Germany would have had the freedom of the seas, and woe to the rest of the world.

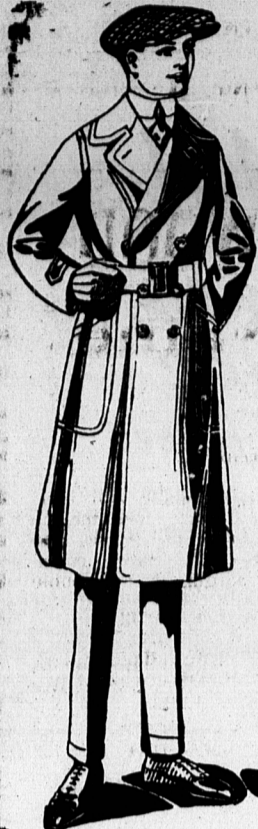
haser-nature. There is only one end to a life of this kind. The game is usually called with the player broken morally, financially and physically. There are men reading this paragraph who know better than anyone can tell them the tragedy of the "strange woman." Young man, "remove thy way far from her, and come not near the door of her house." When some fool whose feet are already in the net prates to you about seeing life, turn your back upon him. Avoid the door of the house that is "full of dead men's bones."

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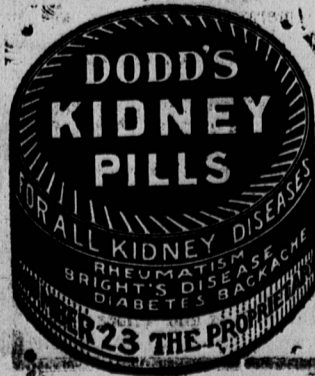
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