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A Chronic Fault-Finder.

He can be found in every community. You brush against him every day in the crowded street, and are sure to meet him in the secluded byways of the earth. With him it never reins but it pours; it is never warm but hot; if he has a cold it is always an awful cold, and in short the most pungest adjectives in the English dictionary seem incapable of intensifying his expression. If placed in a lodge in some vast wilderness he would immediately inquire:

"Oh, solitude, where are the charms
That sages have seen in thy face."

If in the whirl of city life he would seek to be "far from the madding crowd." In his view the world is topsy-turvy and going to destruction. In business affairs everybody is selfish and a cheat; in politics all aspirants for honors are dishonest, tricksters and frauds; in religion, men are pretenders; the virtues which humanity assumes are mockeries, and its cherished hopes delusions. If a commendable deed is achieved, this chronic grumbler will slur the doer of it; if a public benefit is suggested he will descry selfish motives at its base.

When closely pressed this uncomfortable individual is found to be either a fool or an agnostic; and in his own career can show nothing of progress or of contentment in life. He is worse than a blank because he is a stumbling-block; a discouragement to those who would take a cheerful view of life if they were not falsely prejudiced, and make the best of their condition and surroundings. Unhappy and morose himself, the fault-finder seeks to drag others down to his wretched level, to hold up the bug-bears of monopoly and capital in all their hideous deformities, to frighten the weak-minded. The best antidote to this unconformable element of society is for every man to do faithfully what is set before him, cultivate a cheerful disposition, save what money he can, and take a hopeful view of the future.—Hartford Journal.

The Ailantus Tree.

A singular case is being heard at Elkton. Mr. Frank Kerr has an Ailantus tree—commonly called "Tree of Heaven"—standing in his yard. The town commissioners considered it a nuisance and essayed to cut it down, but an injunction restrained them and testimony is now being taken touching the value of such trees. Some of the witnesses contended that the odor from the blossoms of the tree was very offensive and injurious to health, while others held that the tree was a preventive of malaria, and one person testified that his health had improved since the tree had been in bloom. The testimony will be submitted to the judgment of the court in a short time, and then the public will be enlightened by an authoritative decision of the vexed question.

The Cecil Democrat gives its opinion against the tree in pretty strong language, as follows: The love of flowers is excusable, even when carried to excess, and the love dogs can be condoned, but he who loves the odor of the Ailantus, and allows that tree to bloom upon his premises, maintains a nuisance that outrages public sentiment, and inflicts an injury upon his neighbors without receiving any corresponding benefit himself.

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