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A National Institution.

President Roosevelt, in his message opening Congress in December, pointed out that the business of insurance had attained national proportions, and his words will be remembered by those who read and examine the Annual Statement for the year 1904 of the Prudential Insurance Company.

This Company wrote and issued during 1904 over $312,000,000 of paid-for life insurance, increasing the number of policies in force to nearly six millions, and bringing the amount of insurance in force to a sum exceeding one billion dollars

This Company, whose agencies extend to every State in the Union, is a truly national institution, not only in size, but in the position which it occupies as the trustee for the funds of the millions in all parts of the country, thus furnishing the means of making provision for the future for themselves and their dependents.

That this trust is well placed is shown by the fact that the Company has accumulated assets of over $88,000,000, and a surplus exceeding $13,000,000, the liabilities being $75,000,000. The exhibit this year gives a very plain and convincing statement of the character of these assets and of the security which is afforded on its loans, on bonds and mortgages, and collateral securities.

One very interesting item of the statement is the amount paid to its policyholders. Over $13,000,000 were paid to policyholders during 1904. The Company has paid to policyholders to date a total of over $92,000,000. It is certainly impossible to estimate the amount of good which the distribution of this vast sum of money has accomplished for the American people who have been its recipients.

The Company has at different times made changes and concessions in its policies, which resulted in giving additional benefits to those insured. Wherever practicable these concessions are made retroactive; and up to the present time the Company has distributed in cash dividends and other concessions, not stipulated in original contracts, and voluntarily given to holders of old policies, over five million dollars.

The Company will furnish any information concerning its policies to those who write to the Home Office, at Newark, N. J

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Given Up to Die With Croup.

Mrs. P. I. Cordier, of Mannington, Ky., writes: "My three-year old girl had a severe case of croup; the doctor said she could not live and I gave her up to die. I went to the store and got a bottle of *Foley's Honey and Tar.* The first dose gave quick relief and saved her life."

Editor Cured of Lung Trouble.

W. L. Straub, Editor of St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, writes: "When coming across the bay from Port Tampa I got wet and caught a cold that affected my throat and lungs. I neglected it, thinking I would soon recover, but I kept getting worse, until I bought a bottle of *Foley's Honey and Tar,* and it cured me completely."

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The Astor Fortune.

Activity is so much the national watchword that we can hardly conceive of a great fortune accumulated by slow and easy stages. In "The Astor Fortune," in the April McClure's, Burton J. Hendrick traces the growth of this, the biggest fortune in America, which in less than a century has grown from old John Jacob Astor's modest $2,000,000 to approximately half a billion, and this great increase is neither the creation of enterprise nor chance; as the story shows it is, in effect, a gratuitous bonus, the tribute paid by New York to the incubus which the "little fur trader" saddled on the city when he established his system of land leasing.

This man who began life as a baker's boy had one great claim to genius, he realized that America was to be a great and populous country, and that New York was to be its capital. His imagination peopled the sweeping fields and forests and swamps of the Knickerbocker yeomanry with a teeming population and he saw how he could discount the future. He believed that, owning the lands, a man need only sit down and wait; he need make no improvements, he need not build, he need not even pay taxes; the city's growth must inevitably make him rich. This was his dream, and he lived to realize it. He bought great blocks of land and year after year he compelled his fellow citizens to improve his property, pay the taxes and supply him with cash for new investments. It is a wonderful story of the power of patience and unchanging purpose. The building of the Astor fortune is followed step by step. The background is a panorama of old New York.

By Astor's method the increase piles up automatically. It is the father of all "unearned increment;" it is the product of the activities of all but Astor. All the economic and social forces which made New York the Metropolis, added their quota to the Astor wealth. Astor did nothing but acquire land. He contributed nothing to the city's growth, which converted his goat-farm and swamps into the richest rent-bearing soil.

For all that, Astor built his fortune on surer ground than really great creators of wealth. He has established an aristocracy of riches on a foundation that cannot crumble. "There is no accident except confiscation which can make the Astors poor. Whatever industrial revolutions there may be, the land itself will be perennially useful John Jacob Astor took out a first mortgage on Fate itself."

RELIGIOUS THOUGHTS.

How many souls might be saved if men would cease to regard the warnings of the Bible as superstitions, and would seek safety through Christ.

Perhaps young men would be more interested in angels if shown by Bible references that angels are in the Bible represented always as stalwart young men, not winged girls.

We have telescopes, microscopes, spectroscopes, stethoscopes, but we need also a theoscope for seeing God, and here it is: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."—not in heaven only, but here and now.

The voice of our Heavenly Father is calling every young man to his highest function and privilege, a daily fellowship, not alone with angels, but with God himself, to love whom is the greatest, gladdest act possible to any human soul.

When Jehoram saw that his enemies were at his mercy, he said to Elisha: "My father, shall I smite them?" "Thou shalt not smite them," was the indignant answer. "Wouldst thou smite these whom thou has taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? Set bread and water before them." And he prepared great provision for them, and sent them away. They returned to Ben-hadad not with Elisha as a prisoner, but with a strange story to relate of this man's prayers, and of God's instant answers.

After all, has there ever been a simpler and better creed than that which was propounded by the best hated heretic of the nineteenth century: "I believe in one God, and no more; and I hope for happiness beyond this life. I believe that religious duties consist in doing justice, loving mercy and in endeavoring to make our fellow-creatures happy." If it be necessary to state our convictions at all in order to become co-workers in the field of religious effort, such a simple affirmation of faith in God would seem to be quite sufficient.

We may say: I believe in angels because Jesus did. He always quoted the Old Testament as true and authoritative as one quotes unquestionable history and decisions of a supreme court. And the New Testament was written by the very men whom he promised to "guide into all truth." For a young man to plan his life with the teachings of Christ ignored, is even more foolish than if he left out Copernicus and Newton and Stevenson and Fulton and Edison, and tried to get on without steam and electricity and the other fruits of science.

It was a strange mistake of a generation ago that was embodied in the hymn, "I want to be an angel," which has been cast aside, not alone because men have come to understand that redeemed men are above angels, but more because this generation thinks very little of the invisible world and is in no hurry to get there. This is partly a wholesome reaction from too much "otherworldliness" in religion, toward the idea of making a "better country" and a "better world" here and now; but still more is it due to the fact of a growing disbelief in hell and devils, which has carried with it doubts of heaven and angels also.

When the writer, after sixteen years of almost constant travel about this country, is asked, "What is the most serious peril of our time?" he answers swiftly, "The fact that of our fifteen millions of young men between the ages of sixteen and thirty-eight years, only five per cent are in our churches, while they are a majority in the prisons, and in those prison preparatory schools, the saloons and Sunday ball games." The church, where the writer preached just before writing this lesson, had in a few weeks lost half of its young men from church services and Sunday School through the toleration of that city of illegal Sunday ball games.

Little acts of kindness, little deeds of love, as the familiar hymn puts it, make our earth an Eden, like the heaven above.

Among the little acts of kindness that cost only a little thought, may be numbered the sending a paper that you have read to some one else who will enjoy it, a flower from your garden to the friend who is ill

"There is very little I can do," said a sweet young girl, "but I sometimes amuse Mrs. E's children, while she goes to a missionary meeting. Unless somebody comes to her relief, she can never go anywhere in these days, with three babies under four years of age!"

The tiny acts of thoughtfulness, the sitting with a forlorn old lady in the dusk and listening to her stories of the past, the picking up dropped stitches, and saying cheering words, are not so very much in themselves, but they are acknowledged by the Lord who says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these little ones you have done it unto me."—Christian Herald.

Observations about Men and Women.

The married woman who earns wages may, in some cases, not have to work as hard as the woman who is trying to make her husband's salary meet the family expenses.—Washington Star.

No man is ever really in love who can say so with all the ease, ardor and eclat of a stage lover.

The man who says pretty things to his wife all the time must have had lots of practice either before or since his marriage.

The husband who never gives his wife a decent word or compliment would knock down any other man who would treat her in the same way.

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