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### **BURN YOUR BRIDGES**

"You can always come home, John." This was the parting word of a father to his son who was leaving the farm for the city to make his start in the world. Now, this father wanted to help his son succeed, but in suggesting to him that he could always come home he was making it easier for him to give up to discouragement, he was weakening his self-reliance.

When Julious Caesar landed on the shores of England he burned all the ships that had transported his army, for he knew that if he cut off all possible means of retreat his men would fight with greater désperation, because it would be a fight for their lives.

When a young man leaves home to seek his fortune he should, like Caesar, burn his bridges behind him. The temptation to turn back when things go hard, when he cannot see the way, if there is an easy way of backing out, is almost irresistible. If a boy leaves home for the first time and enters school or college, knowing that when he gets homesick his parents will want him to come home, that they will welcome him, and will allow him to stay home if he desires to, it is a bad thing for the boy. One reason for half the failures in life

is that people do not burn their bridges behind them, do not cut off all possible retreat. It is a weakness of human nature that when things go hard, when it looks black ahead, we are easily led to turn back.

The most unfortunate decisions in life, those which halve and quarter one's possible success, which make mediocre careers

own ends.

Strong characters are not built up by

If might doesn't always make right, it

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TEDDY'S "BEST CHIEF" GOES HIGHER

Since Election Day there has been a disposition in other big cities to sneer at Cleveland-the fifth city in size-for electing a former chief of police to the exalted place of mayor.

But it is not freakishness-there's a reason.

Back some fifteen or sixteen years ago Theodore Roosevelt, then President, rather shocked the conceited metropolitan cities with this declaration : The city of Cleveland has the best chief of police in the United States." And Theodore knew. Besides having been police commissioner of New York, he was himself -in effect-one of the best policemen the country ever had.

All right. A few years ago this best chief of police was "framed" off the force by unscrupulous politicians. As an an-swer the people of Cleveland elected him county commissioner twice by enormous majorities. Whereupon he became the best county commissioner Cuyahoga County ever had.

That's the record of Ex-chief of Police Fred Kohler, the newly elected mayor of Cleveland.

It is not freakishness for the people of a big city to elect a man to manage their affairs who has twice made good for They just simply voted for Kohthem. ler in expectation that he would turn out to be the best mayor they ever had.

## DO YOU WEAR A MASK?

Some years ago a man presented him-self at a New York hospital to see if science could so patch up his face that he could go about among his fellows with-out wearing a mask. The man was a chemist. In experimenting with explosives the ingredients blew up, causing the accident which had marred his face. He was holding a carbon of nitric acid at the time and he stumbled and fell. For months he was not expected to live. His face was so frightfully disfigured that even his wife fled from him in horror.

After many experiments in grafting kin from other parts of his body to his face, the surgeons told him that no power on earth could make him presentable again, that he would forever have to con-

conceal one's face from one's fellows and ing behind a mask of duplicity or deceit -behind a lying mask-behind a mask

are not genuine, not true, that they are not what they pretend to be; but they do ing influence this is, how it undermines the character. The consciousness of not, acts like a leaven in one's nature. It weakens self-respect and self-confi-

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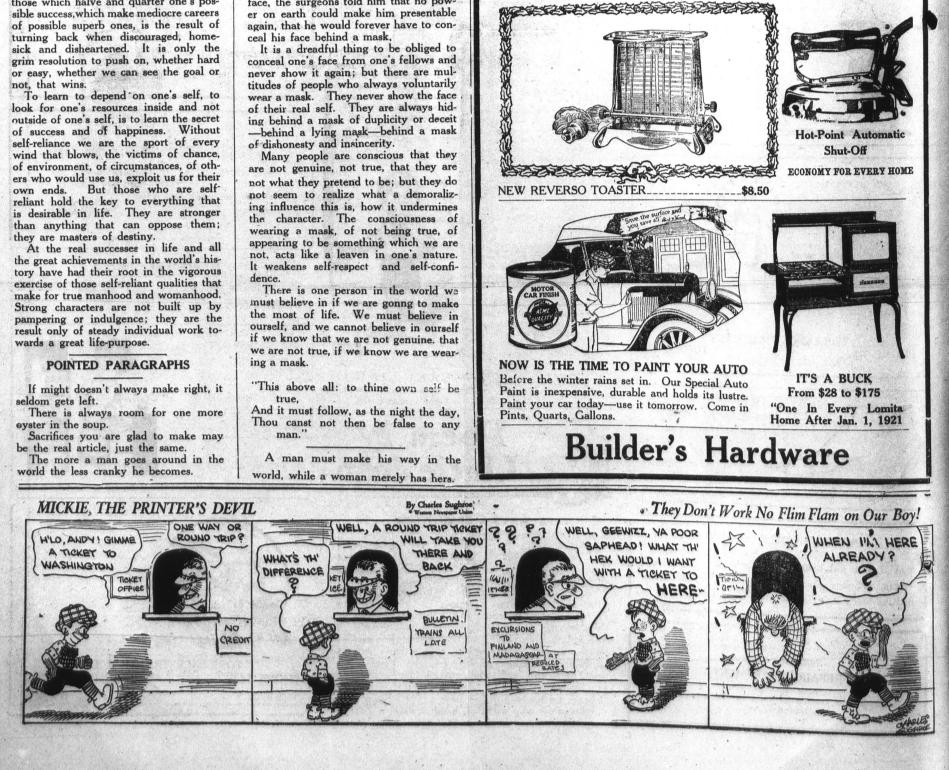
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