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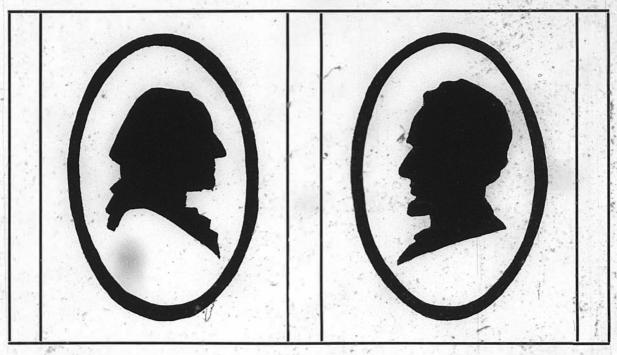
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#### **PATRIOTISM**

Patriotism means "love of one's country." The Century Dictionary further defines it as "the passion which moves a person to serve his country either in defending it from invasion or in protecting its rights and maintaining its laws and institutions." On account of the political history of the world with the special prominence given to war, patriotism has come to be associated with the militar virtues, and we usually think of the patriot in connection with some heroic martial achievement. The typical hero is the one who has fought bravely on behalf of his country, has won victories on the battlefield or enshrined his name among the hallowed personalities who died by sword or cannon so that their country might be glorified. It is very difficult for the human mind to banish conceptions that have become very firmly entrenched. And to welcome a stranger who has the same name but represents something far nobler than the endeared friend of long standing is a trying and telling task. Yet that task is the one that confronts us in America. We must revise our ideas about patriotism. We must learn to know and to feel the real meaning of patriotism. The old word

representing still its primitive significance of love of country stands for an entirely different ideal when it comes to the expression of that love for country.

The single connotation which we carry over into the modern conception of patriotism from the days when militarism was the highest expression of love of country, is the idea of combat. The modern patriot is no less a fighter than his recent predecessor. But he fights for different reasons, he uses different weapons, and he wages a different kind of war. The modern patriot is inflamed with that passion which moves him to serve his country by preserving its institutions and maintaining its internal integrity. He is the person concerned with the progress of his country along the highest lines. He is deeply concerned about the industry of his country, about the education of his country, about its moral welfare. He knows no prejudice except that against vice and wrong, he knows no enemy except the obstructionist and retarder. He cherishes no hatred except against the forces within his country that pull downward toward the concentrated selfishness of the few as opposed to the diffused welfare of the many. The modern patriot does not look at every foreigner with suspicion, does not regard every stranger with the bellicose eye. He has before him the vast territory

which is the united home of his countrymen and he knows that in that vast and maze-like domicile dwell the millions whose fortunes are his fortunes, whose hopes are his liopes, whose dreams are his dreams

Our country is the melting pot of the nations. We are still young and none can claim superiority of ancestry. Italy, Spain, England, Germany, Catholic, Protestant. Jew, were among the very early settlers of this land. So no nationality and no creed can boast of better rights to Americanism than any other, Each European nation has emptied upon our shores vast numbers of splendid men and women who have contributed to the progress of our country. From abroad came also inferior types. All were cast into the great American Cauldron and the dross and dirt were refined and the best was fused into a strong composite. On acount of our mixed origins we cannot afford to be aristocratic. Our country is essentially democratic in its beginning and democratic in-its development. It ill becomes us to act in any way that betrays the least signs of hostility to the democratic spirit. We are tunefully the "land of the free and the home of the brave. We must turn all our energies in that direction which will hasten the emancipation of all that are still enslaved, industrially, educationally or morally. We

must encourage and welcome to our shores all such who tear themselves away from old European associations for the purpose of bettering their condition and brave all sorts of hardships that their offspring may reap the benefits of the expanding richness of the United States.

We are in the habit of treating contemptuously the poor immigrants that come to our shores. And yet we seldom stop to reflect how great a debt we owe those despised foreigners. The Italian built our vast network of railroads that have become such a comfortable neces-The humble foreigners have helped to build up our industries by doing the so called "dirty work" that was absolutely necessary before the finer kind could be had. Thus has our country grown opulent in countless ways because these hosts of foreigners became working Americans. Their numbers have increased so rapidly that new problems have, as it were, suddenly confonted us. The checking of congestion in our cities, the sanitation of homes and work shops, the education of the hundreds of thousands that are illiterate and the prevention of the multiplying crimes that are the results of the abnormal condtions of living, all these are the things that must engage the earnest attention of the modern patriot. How will we line up to fight the great white plague and thus render the highest kind of service to our country? How willing are we to root out all those horrible'social conditions that threaten the life, health, happiness and moral integrity of large areas of our country? How anxious are we to fight all the internal enemies such as disease breeders, crime producers? How enthusiastic are we to combat the conditions that give rise to the delinquent, the dependent, the degenerate? Here are battlegrounds. Here is splendid opportunity for the modern patriot to do some heavy fighting. "Being loud and vehement for a court or against a court is no proof of patriotism ... where the heart is right, there is patriotism." These words of Berkeley may, with slight modification, be applied to us. Shooting fire crackers, bragging about the star spangled banner, ejaculating superlatively about the greatness and superiority of America and with chauvenistic boast outshrieking the less noisy sounds of honest industry are all far from indications of true patriotism.

The modern patriot must ever have in mind the mission of his country. Amerca's mission is to receive all sorts of God's children and mould them into national usefulness and international beneficence. At no time is this historic mission of our country brought home to us with special force as in times like these. The recent earthquakes in Italy bring to us the forcible lesson of patriotic duty. Like the rest of the world we have expressed our sympathy by sending relief. But let us remember that to our shores,

as a result of that European catastrophe, will flock thousands of immigrants who must be Americanized. America has been peopled and nourished, as a New York editor has expressed it, by the famines, massacres, and pressions of the Old World. We are still the friends of the Calabrian and the exiled Russian. Upon us devolves then a greater task than upon any other nation. We must express our patriotism by welcoming the immigrants and then turning our attention to them, use all our energies in dropping them into the great American cauldron, there to be refined into genuine and useful Americans. Whatever work we do towards bettering the conditions of these future Americans, whether it be teaching the ignorant or destroying their noxious abodes and providing sanitary dwellings for them, or by humanizing industry so that workmen will no longer be designated as mere "hands," or by slaying the mighty modern monster, that powerful Moloch that swallows up in his industrial maw the children of the immigrant and his grandchildren too, is the work of the true patriot. It is high time that we begin to associate patriotism with these greater needs; that we think passionately of our loyalty to our country and express that love, not by shouting, "down with the foreigner," but by laboring to preserve our institutions, by furthering the cause of liberty, by promoting internal peace and domestic felicity, by moulding into American manhood and womanhood the motley multitudes that come to us from the Babel of the Old World to help us build the ever growing and attractive paradise of the new world, where the brotherhood of man has the finest chance of realization, and the noblest fruit of patriotism may flourish without let or

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I think when patriotic pride gets weighing on our mind,

And that we're a great people, yes sir! prosperous, we find,

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And then I gue & George W. is just a good excuse.

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Let us be patriots even as Lincoln and Washington were by recognizing the needs of our country and doing our very

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"The patriot is one who is concerned with the progress of his country along the highest lines. He is deeply concerned about the industry of his country, about the education of his country, about its moral welfare." and the greatest of these is education, for on this much of our hope for the others is based. Let the patriot give his attention to manual and intellectual training, the complementary factor upon which future industrial efficiency depends.

#### GOOD TIMES.

The Pansy Club, which we mentioned as in the incipient stages, is now well started. The club consists of eight girls about fourteen or fifteen years of age. On December twenty-sixth they made their debut as a club by entertaining some of their friends to the number of twenty. It was a very enjoyable evening entertainment.

The party for the Wednesday afternoon classes on Wednesday, December thirtieth, was very much like all the other afternoon parties. It was in the holidays, however, and we all felt the holiday spirit. The refreshments were very nice and everybody had a good time.

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Mrs. Sol Wile's party for the boys was a great occasion. We spend so much time over our girls here that it is a real pleasure to see someone giving a thought to the boys' enjoyment. The party was on the evening for the meeting of the Boys' Club, Wednesday, December twenty-third.

#### MANUAL TRAINING

Some time ago there came to one of the Manual Training teachers of this city a lad with an unusual request. He said, "A few days ago my grandfather, an old man 70 years old, was killed by the cars and he has been buried at Mt. Hope in a part of the cemetery where there are many single graves. My grandmother goes up every Sunday to visit the grave and she is afraid that soon she will not be able to tell grandfather's grave from the others for none of them are marked. I wonder if I could make here in the Manual Training room a marker which I could put at the head of the grave until I can earn money enough to buy a real head stone?" The teacher's reply was: "Certainly, you can make anything in the Manual Training Class which you are able to make."

For a month the little lad worked faithfully on his simple cross and when the woodwork was finished he carefully traced on it his grandfather's name. With great care he looked up the various finishes for wood to find one which would best withstand the sun and rain, and decided to coat it with Spar Varnish.

When it was finished he brought it down to the Board of Education office for inspection and a prouder boy never entered the office than that little lad with his wooden cross.

Space will not permit a description of the placing of the cross or of subsequent events which proved the great pride which the boy, took in his work but the little incident does show the way in which the hand work of our schools meets the varying needs of the pupils.

There was a time not many years ago when the boy and girl had so much handwork in the home and work so educative in its content that there was little need in the school for such forms of training. But those conditions of life have disappeared and to-day the school must take up the forms of training formerly given in the home.

During the past decade Manual Training in many forms has come into our schools and to-day much thought is being given to the question "Should not the Course of Study of the Public School in-

clude some direct form of training for the vocations of life. In the past vocational education has been almost entirely restricted to pupils who had finished high school or college, but it seems most certain that the public school courses of the future will provide definite vocational preparation for the 90 per cent. of the pupils who never get beyond the grammar school.

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