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THERE'S TWO SIDES

When you have read of the crimes and quarrels and irregularities of life until you are depressed and doubtful about the old world, remember that these things are displayed because they are news and because they are unusual. They were the exceptional things, and for that reason they were printed with a big, black head over them. And for the same reason you read them. And if it is an article about some man or woman going wrong, rest assured that the vast majority of people who read that article do not approve of it. There are always two sides to the things you see and hear and read about. You can't judge properly the movement of a whole army by watching a few stragglers. So you can't tell the trend of the human race by rumors you hear flying about the streets. People generally find what they are looking for, and if they only look on the surface or only listen to rumors they are not apt to learn the right side.

IT'S UP TO US

It's up to us, every individual of us, to make conditions better and to keep them so. We can still help during the period of readjustment and keep pushing on. It won't do any good to try to stop things as they are now moving in this country—it can't be done. We have to go on, keep our spirits up and be thankful things are daily growing better. There are some places where one may "cut corners" in expenses, where money may be saved. But when it is saved it avails little if we are not wise enough to put it where it will repay us in interest.  
Maybe there are improvements needed about the house. You can't afford to cut corners here. You can't afford to let your home run down by promising yourself you'll make the improvements next year. Next year the fact that you left off the improvements when they were needed serves to reduce the value of the house. The better your home the better you will and your family will feel and the better price you will receive for it if you should ever want to dispose of it.

It's all right and a fine thing to economize, but don't practice false economy. Do now about the house or your business place the things that need to be done. And it is when every individual starts in to practice this that we will find ourselves again facing the kind of conditions we are now sitting around and hoping for.

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