

unemployed. He has an immeasurable power—a united German nation of sixty-six millions behind him. The danger is that if there is no lasting improvement in the economic condition, he may have to resort to war, the last refuge of a dictator. Let us hope he will use this power for the well-being of his Father-land and for the peace of the world.

“Sweet are the uses of adversity”

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“Sweet are the uses of adversity,
Which like a toad, ugly and venomous,
Wears yet a precious jewel in his head,”

—*Shakespeare.*

Gray defines adversity as the “daughter of Jove, relentless power and the tamer of human breast.” There is certainly something in adversity which breaks down the heart. Just carefully mark a man when fortune smiles upon him and see the change that comes upon him when he suffers from the ‘slings and arrows’ of misfortune. His ductile spirit undergoes a heavy change and he is always found with a clouded, furrowed brow. The air of indignancy and pride he wore when he was the favourite child of fortune, does no longer remain; and instead of that sorrow always overclouds his heart. But this is not all. Another peculiar feature of adversity is that when it comes, it comes in battalions. And, it is naturally therefore, the person who is visited by misfortune is taken aback; —he becomes stupefied and crest-fallen.

But then, adversity, although it is the worst type of calamities which befall mankind, is really ‘a blessing in disguise.’ If there were no misfortunes in walks of life, if we always slept in the

lap of fortune, then surely we would have to drag a dull, cheerless existence from door to door. The person who wins the laurel, has to pass through obstacles and dangers. He has to strive hard to gain the first place. But if he is alone, if there is no competitor to waylay in the path, then not only the spectators, but the person himself is deprived of a sense of pleasure which blesses a man whose path lies through obstacles and dangers. It is

“ A temper known to those who, after long
And weary expectation, have been blest
With sudden happiness beyond all hope.”

— *Wordsworth.*

The path of our life is not strewn over with roses. Dangers and difficulties meet us at every step. But that is not why we should become dejected. Come fair or foul, but let everyman embrace it. Instead of losing our head, instead of turning our back upon misfortunes that befall us, we should stand firmly and embrace them with a smiling face. Not to be ashamed of our comparative weakness, not to be ashamed of our comparative poverty, not to be ashamed of our inferiority but under all circumstances, to face our misfortunes honestly, candidly, gladly and above all cheerfully—this is all that can be said about how to tackle adversity. Not to be ashamed of our ignorance, not to be taken aback even in the most puzzling instances, not to be dissuayed by the petty misfortunes which daunt a weaker and a coward spirit,—but to see the sun behind the cloud—this is what is the chief factor of the uses of adversity.

Everything has its dark and bright side. A cloud though it is dark has a silver lining. So also adversity though it is the darkest calamity of our life has its bright side too. Not that misfortune always teases us, but also blesses us. Change is the law of nature. The dark days of our life are followed by the bright days of fortune and vice-versa. If we can somehow or other bear the brunt of our misfortune, the happiness we shall find after will be a divine one. As Dryden puts it sweet is pleasure after pain.” And here we only find the truth of the statement that adversity is a blessing in disguise. It is just like an ugly toad. A soad is no

doubt venomous, but if we can any how manage to catch it, we shall find it bears a bright jewel. Similarly at first sight adversity, seems to be unbearable calamity, but if we can pass through it, we shall find that it is the inexhaustible source of joy. Let us therefore, hear the conclusion of the whole matter; fear not adversity, remember it is a blessing; everyone will have to play his part, if it be a sorrowful one, don't mind it but go on merrily and cheerfully, don't grumble at your sad lot, but remember brighter lot will appear and above all fear God and keep His Commandment "From the sweat of thy brow shalt thou earn thy bread."

Remedy of National Greed.

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Greedy is a coiled word, and gives a long meaning when explained. It means the insatiate and improper desire for anything that is not ours. The striving for prosperity in any sphere of life - the hearty desire for prominence in life, is not at all condemned so long as we try to fulfil them honestly. But go a step beyond the proper limit—be led astray by dishonest means, then you are a victim to greed, which you can scarcely get rid of. For greed is just like fire getting fiercer and fiercer when indulged. Truly has Shakspeare sung—

"A little spark of fire is easily trodden out, which being suffered rivers can not quench."

The fire kindled by greed into the heart of an individual is inappreciable when compared with the infinite combustible things present in the world. It can do very little amount of havoc or injury to the world. But when a nation becomes ignited by the flame of ever in-