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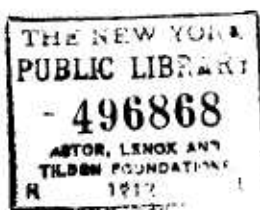
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THE WAR WITHIN

THE view that the soul of man is torn by contending forces is corroborated in many directions of human thought. Plato may well speak for the philosophers on this matter when he represents man as a charioteer driving a pair of winged horses through the air:

The well-conditioned horse is erect and well-formed; he has a lofty neck and an aquiline nose, and his color is white, and he has dark eyes and is a lover of honor and modesty and temperance, and the follower of true glory; he needs not the touch of the whip but is guided by word and admonition only. Whereas the other is a large misshapen animal, put together anyhow; he has a strong, short neck; he is flat-faced and of a dark color, gray-eyed and bloodshot, the mate of insolence and pride, shag-eared, deaf, hardly yielding to blow or spur.*

The one tends heavenward the other earthward, and the driver of them is constantly in discomfort and discord for, "as might be expected, there is a great deal of trouble in managing them."

Literature asserts it. I need only mention that inspired parable of life, Robert Louis Stevenson's *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. The good and respected Dr. Jekyll finds, in the course of his experiments, a drug which will, if taken, release the bad in a man from the control of the good in him. The

* *Phaedrus*, 253, Jowett's translation.