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WITH SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THE
MISTAKES CAN BE RECTIFIED,
AND UNIVERSAL HAPPY-
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SUMMING IT UP

PART FIRST

THE OLD WORLD

When Noah and his family came out of the Ark, they were not to know the pleasure of having everything provided, as was the case with Adam and Eve. They were soon confronted with the problem of subsistence, for all that maintained during the sixteen hundred and fifty-six years of the Antediluvians had perished.

Nature was now the master, and the question naturally arose of who should acquire most. The toilers were to wrest from the earth her treasures, while those who became the councillors and law-makers soon planned a tax system for the support of a kingdom.

When Noah cursed his son Ham, and his offspring, and declared they should be the servants of their brethren, Shem and Japheth, and their offspring, he no doubt little thought that a mighty descendant of that son Ham would rule the first Kingdom. After that Kingdom of Nimrod, Ashur built the great city of Nineveh, 2229 B. C.

That the spirit of greed was now uppermost in the minds of men was evident, for we read that the city of Nineveh was surrounded with walls and high tow-

ers to protect it from those who would take it by force.

When Semiramis became queen of this empire, we find she was suffering with the greed fever very perceptibly. Learning of the great riches of the King of the Indies she marched her entire army against him.

To the land of Egypt had journeyed the descendants of Ham, where a mighty nation was built, which became the most learned of all. But despite their learning they were possessed with the cruelty of greed, as their oppression of the Hebrews and their system of bondage proved.

That no nation was immune from this disease the pages of history plainly show; and even so wise a man as King Solomon could not be satisfied.

While that wonderful man Jesus was growing up, Augustus Cæsar was trying to satisfy his greed for power by establishing himself emperor of the greatest empire the world had ever known.

When Jesus began to preach in Jerusalem, Tiberius Cæsar, then emperor at Rome, received a description in a message from his brother, then at Jerusalem, of the great preacher called Jesus. It is easy to imagine that warty old face of Cæsar's as he pictured to himself the fate of Jesus, and indulged himself in derisive laughter.

Rome was now a city of four million inhabitants, but destitute of that principle which ever teaches mankind that all power founded on injustice must perish. Its wealth was acquired through greed-robbery with its inevitable result.

Mahomet, the camel-driver, was visited by the greed-germ one night, as he lay in his cave, and he too was eventually to become a power.

Later we find the popes also afflicted, and in their mad delirium they claimed themselves viceroys of

God; and owners of all the earth; and nothing but a triple-crown could satisfy their fevered brows.

Catholicism, having established itself as the religion propounded by the bishops, from the time of Constantine in the year 311 A. D. had become a power; and its subjects tried to persuade the Barbarian kings to maintain the bishops; but the kings sought to exile them as the emperors had previously exiled the heretics. The bishops, however, succeeded in converting enough to perpetuate their principles, and catholicism gradually extended over all the Western empire, through the undaunted spirit of the monks who were often given large land grants for the establishment of their monasteries.

While the North was being christianized by catholicism, Mahometanism became the religion of the South.

The old Roman Empire, called the Byzantine Empire, its capital at Constantinople, still continued its power. Its emperor in the sixth century being Justinian, who endeavored to reconstruct the old Western remnant, but could not defend Italy from the Lombards. He sought to build monuments then in his own empire to the memory of the old Roman glories, in the form of original architecture. These edifices have given to the world its greatest lessons in beautiful structural designing.

It was Justinian who compiled the old Roman laws, and it is these laws that have been handed down, generation after generation, as the foundation for many of the laws of the Anglo-Saxon race. Justinian had an oriental monarchy and he was head of the church, as the Czar of Russia is head of the church of his country.

The millions of Russians have retained much of the letters and arts of the old Byzantine Empire, as well as the architectural designs with their great glittering domes.

During the reign of the Barbarian kings in the Western Empire they devised many peculiar laws, such as a money value on life; for instance, a murderer having to pay to the relatives a fixed price in order to overcome the shedding of more blood through the old recognized law of the vendetta.

To strengthen the fighting forces of the king, war-chiefs were allowed much land and slaves; and to keep up the interest in warfare they were acknowledged the real sustaining power.

Charlemagne, the mighty Barbarian king, whose empire consisted of France, Germany, and all of Northern Italy, became the protector of the popes, who proclaimed him the emperor of Rome; thus the world power, the alliance of State and Church.

The counts were made governors in the name of the king, their lands exempt from taxation, they often using this power to oppress the people called peasants. The bishops of the church, being given an equal power over the king's subjects with the counts, brought a very unsatisfactory situation; but the power of the clergy had become so identified with the government that it was not to be separated easily.

Herein we see the precedents that were established by the mere palavering of a king, handed down through future generations as the government for the people.

That great humanitarian seed, "The Golden Rule," that Jesus had tried so hard to plant in the hearts of men was given little chance to grow.

That historically great city of Rome, and once the palatine home of the greatest band of outlaws the world ever knew; and saved to the Romans by the slaughter of three men at the crucial time, was to become the great incubator of that murderous greed-germ for future generations.

It was there that the precedent was established of the patricians and the plebeians. The Senators and