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The Creation of a Masterpiece

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By Matthew Arnold From "Critical Essays"

顧昂若譯

HIS is one thing to be kept in mind. Another is, that the exercise of the creative power in the production of great works of literature or art, however high this exercise of it may rank, is not all epochs and under all conditions possible; and that therefore labour may be vainly spent in attempting it, and may with more fruit be used in preparing for it, in rendering it possible. This creative power works with elements, with materials; what if it has not those materials, those elements, ready for its use? In that case it must surely wait till they are ready. Now, in literature-I will limit myself to literature, for it is about literature that the question arises,-the elements with which the creative power works are ideas; the best ideas on every matter which literature touches, current at the time; at any rate we may lay it down as certain that in modern literature no manifestation of the creative power not working with these can be very important or fruitful. And I say current at the time, not merely accessible at the time; for creative literary genius does not principally show itself in discovering new ideas, that is rather the business of the philosopher; the grand work of literary genius is a work of synthesis and exposition, not of analysis and discovery; its gift lies in the faculty of being happily inspired by a certain intellectual and spiritual atmosphere, by a certain order of ideas, when it finds itself in themfli of dealing divinely with these ideas, presenting them in the most effective and attractive combinations, making beautiful works with them, in short. But it must have the atmosphere, it must find itself amidst the order of ideas, in order to work freely; and these it is not so easy to command. This is why great creative epochs in literature are so rare; this is why there is so-much that is unsatisfactory in the productions of many men of real genius; because, for the creation of a master-work of literature two powers must concur, the power of the man and the power of the moment, and the man is not enough without the moment;

、四 有一件事類記在心裏: 就是運用創造力去創造 以 ·偉大的文藝作品 > 這種 創造力的運用不管它如何值得重 視,却並不是在任何時代及在任 何環境之下可以成功的;勉强為 之不免券而無功,如能多下準備 工夫使得這種創造工作有成功的 可能,或者更有盆處。創造須有 · 須言之有物;如其没有物事準 備它運用,那末什麼樣呢?在這 種情形之下,它必须等待到有了 物事,才能動手。在文學方面, 創造力所拿來工作的是意思;文 學所觸及當時所流行關於每一種 物事之最好的意思;無論如何, 我們可以肯定的說,在現代文學 襄,創造力的表現不以這種最好 的意思做它工作的要素,是不會 給人重視,不會有成就的。而且 我說須要當時所流行的,不僅僅 是當時可能得着的為滿足;因為 創造的文學天才,它的表現主要 的並不在於發明新意思,那是哲 學家的事情;文學天才的偉大創 作是一種綜合的和闡明的著述, 並不是分析的和發明的;它的天 赋在於愉快地為某種理智的和精 神的氛圍所感召,它自身也在某 **種意思的局面之中受其廣詢,然** 後筆而出之;把這些叢思加以聖 潔的處理,在最有效果和最吸引 人的綜合裏把它們表達出來,總 而言之,把它們構成美的作品。 但是它必須有氛圍;它必須置身 在這些意思的局面之中,以便自 由地工作;然而這些却不是容易 就召的。這就是文學上偉大的創 造時代百年難遇的原因;這也是 許多真正天才的作品,不能今人 满意的原因;因為,傑作的創造 必须是兩種力量的配合,一種是 人的力量;一種是時的力量;人 the creative power has, for its happy exercise, appointed elements, and those elements are not in its own control.

Nay, they are more within the control of the critical power. It is the business of the critical power, as I said in the words already quoted, "in all branches of knowledge, theology, philosophy, history, art, science, to see the object as in itself it really is." Thus it tends, at last, to make an intellectual situation of which the creative power can profitably avail iself. It tends to establish an order of ideas, if not absolutely true, yet true by comparison with that which it displaces; to make the best ideas prevail. Presently these new ideas reach society, the touch of truth is the touch of life, and there is a stir and growth everywhere; out of this stir and growth come the creative epochs of literature.

Or, to narrow our range, and quit these considerations of the general march of genius and of society, -considerations which are apt to become too abstract and impalpable, -every one can see that a poet, for instance, ought to know life and the world before dealing with them in povetry; and life and the world being in modern times, very complex things, the creation of a modern poet, to be worth much. implies a great critical effort behind it; else it would be a comparatively poor, barren, and short-lived affair. This is why Byron's poetry had so little endurance in it, and Goethe's so much; both had a great productive power, but Goethe's was nourished by a great critical effort providing the true materials for it, and Byron's was not; Goethe knew life and the world, the poet's necessary subjects, much more comprehensively and thoroughly than Byron. He knew a great deal more of them, and he knew them much more as they really are.

而不得時是不夠的;創造力運用 裕如須有其指定的要素:那些要 素却不在其控制之中。

現且縮小我們的範圍,每個 人都能見到;譬如説一個詩人; 他應當知道人生知道世界,然後 能夠在他的詩裏處理它們;現代 的人生和现代的世界都是極其複 雜的東西·一個現代詩人的創作 **;要有價值:必須在它的後面用 過一番批評工夫。否則這個創作** 必定比較的貧乏·苦燥:短命。 拜崙的詩所以缺乏持久力,哥德 的詩所以至今仍是百讀不厭,就 是這個原故:兩位詩人都有偉大 的創作力:不過哥德的創造力受 過極大的批評工夫的滋養。取得 了真實的材料供他運用,拜倫則 不然; 哥德瞭解人生和世界, 這 些詩人必需的東西·較之拜倫澈 底得多廣博得多。而且哥德所瞭 解的人生和世界較之實際的人生 和世界尤為廣大尤為深刻

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HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE RUSSIANS

怎 樣 了 解 蘇 聯

By Pearl S. Buck From "Look"

朱公趙譯

HAT can Americans do to make peace possible in the world? Can we do anything at all? Is war inevitable, whatever we do?

These are questions that haunt the minds of all of us these days—all of us, that is, who really want peace because we don't enjoy war. The answers are clear. Peace is possible; we can do as much as we want to prevent war if we are willing to find out first what makes war; war is never inevitable if we are willing to practice what we know.

The cause of the present trend toward war, so far as Americans are concerned, is to be founded in our failure to see why other peoples behave as they do. Today "other peoples" narrows down primarily to the people of Russia. But that is only for today. The same causes that have made Russians act as they now do exist also in China and India. They exist elsewhere, too—in the Balkans, for example, and in Greece. But Russia, China and India are important because they are so huge.

We certainly cannot like what Russians are doing today. But we ought for our own sakes, as well as for the sake of world peace, to try to know why they act so. Then we can really cope with them.

RUSSIA IS LIKE CHINA

A great many books have been written about Russia. Each in its way contributes something. But I myself could never have understood why the Russians are as they are, had I not spent years in China: years between the first revolution in 1911 and the last revolution in 1927; and years after that when I watched a government of intellectuals and soldiers try to rule a huge peasant population. The latter were no nearer in spirit to the intellectuals than they were to the old emperor.

I was in Russia years before the intellectuals drove out the czars. I was only a young girl. But even I could see that in Russia, as in China, there was a great mass of peasants oppressed by the rich and the educated alike, miserably poor and ignorant, superstitious in their religion 美國人怎樣才會使世界可 有和平?我們到底能不 能有所作為?戰爭是否 無論如何總歸不可避免?

我們當然不能喜歡蘇聯現在 的行為。但我們為自身計,且為 世界和平計,應該設法懂得他們 這樣做的原因。然後,我們始能 切實對付他們。

我在俄國許多年,然後遇見 他們的知識份子逐出沙皇。那時 我只是一個少女。但是我已能看 到俄國和中國一樣有大羣農民, and utterly hopoless. Yet they were good people, kind and strong and hardworking, longing for a better life somehow.

What happened in Russia? A group of intellectuals could no longer tolerate the life about them. They plotted a revolution. They were not working only for themselves. They wanted to remove the oppression of the government. They really did want to give the people a better life. They seized the government themselves, murdered the czar and all who opposed them, and set up what they thought was a government for the welfare of the people.

WHY COMMUNISM OPPRESSES

Why, then, is the Communist government today one of the most oppressive that Russia has ever had? It is obvious that the people of Russia are not free in the American sense. They submit to the new oppression of the Communists for two reasons: in case of war, to build up Russia against aggression; in case of peace, to build up Russia industrially. Perhaps the Communist officials themselves believe that what they are doing is for the good of the people.

What makes them think it is in the interests of their people that they wield such a stern and cruel government? The answer is to be found in the mind of the intellectual. He sees what the untrained mind cannot see. He plans, he follows through.

The motive power, the energy, the spirit that move the intellectual are nearly always righteous, at least in the beginning. He genuinely longs to make his people free. But when the intellectual gets into power, he becomes the cruelest of men.

WHY INTELLECTUALS ARE CRUEL

...WHY? Because although he loves the people, he is ashamed of them for their backwardness and angered by their slowness to change. So angry were the intellectuals of Russia, when peasants did not like the new ways, that they killed off millions of unwilling farmers and small tradesmen. They wanted them out of the way so they could get on with the job quickly: the job of making Russia a clean, modern, hygienic, smoothly functioning nation, that intellectuals could be proud of before the modern world. They wanted to skip centuries in a day.

The chief reason why Communist intellectuals in Russia hate the United States is that they can't get their people fixed up fast enough to compare favorably with ours. To understand this, you must think of some American parents who never went to college. Proudly they send their children to be educated. And the young people come back scornful of the old home and the old

為富人和受教育份予所壓迫。窮 困無辜,在宗教上極其迷信,全 然絕望。但他們是善良的人民, 溫和强壯,能操苦工,祈求着較 優的生活。

什麼使他們相信為了人民的 利益才有這個嚴酷的政府?答案 可在知識份子的思想裏面找到○ 他看到未受訓練的頭腦所見不到 的事物○他計劃且遵行之。

知識份子發動的動機能力和 精神是幾乎常是正當的,至少起 初如此。他確想解放人民。但知 識份子一旦執政,便成為最殘酷 的人物。



people. But we mustn't judge these young people too harshly, either—they do love their parents. And it is this very love that makes them so hard and cruel. They can't bear to believe that their parents are backward and old-fashioned. They want their parents to change, to be what dream parents should be. And then what grief and sorrow in the home!

IT HAPPENS IN CHINA TOO

How often have I seen the same situation in China! The young people are sent abroad to study. They see modern countries—the United States, England, France. They go back to China and are ashamed of their own homes and their own people. They are ashamed because there are few modern buildings, almost no plumbing, little knowledge of hygiene. They do not value the long slow growth of the centuries. They do not see that there can be an evolution of the old into the new, without the tragic and irreparable losses of revolution.

It is perfectly possible that there will come a day in China, and in India, too, when we shall see the intellectuals tear these countries to pieces to make new countries, just as the intellectuals have torn Russia to pieces.

THE SOVIETS ARE ASHAMED

If we can understand the psychology back of revolution, the isolation of Russia today is easily explained. The Communists, who are emotionally very young, don't want the neighbors to see how dirty the old home is, how outof-date the furniture, how ignorant the family. If the intellectuals in Russia had been able to force all these poor old peasants and common folk into a modern mold; if today the average Russian citizen were as well-educated and as well-off as the average American citizen; if Russian railroads and hotels were as good as ours-I am sure that all the doors would be open and that we would have the most cordial relationship between our two countries. But the shamed love of the Russian intellectual, who is the Communist, makes him want to hide his people from us, unless and until he can be proud of them, proud in his way, and for his reasons.

Of course it is all silly and needless. Of course we would understand it we had half a chance. Of course they have set an impossible task for themselves. Nobody could clean up the old Russia in a generation, and that is as long as it has been. But the intellectual is the least practical and the most idealistic and energetic of persons. He is never willing to give anybody time—not even himself.

MEN ARE NOT MACHINES

He is always dreaming of a good world, of perfection, without realizing that he cannot accomplish his end by

思相信父母落伍退化。他們要父母改革到夢想中父母一樣。於是 家庭裏面就何等悲慘和不幸!

在中國和印度。有一天我們 會見到知識份子將國家撕碎而另 造新國家,如同知識份子撕碎俄 羅斯一樣,此事完全可能。

我們若能了解革命的心理背 量,目前蘇聯的孤立政策自易瞭 解。共產黨在感情方面很年輕: 他們不要都居看見他們的舊家庭 如何骯髒:家具如何老式:家屬 如何無知識 0 假使蘇聯的知識份 子能鉤强迫所有貧窮的老農和平 民成為現代化;假使現在蘇聯常 人都像美國常人一樣富裕和受過 良好教育;假使現在蘇聯的鐵路 和旅館像我們的一樣好……我敢 斷言一切門戶將都開放:兩國邦 交將極親睦 0 但蘇聯知識份子的 羞愧之爱使他想掩藏人民不讓我 們接觸;直到他能以人民誇耀; 照他自己方式和為他自己理由而

 -using people as machines. That the intellectual loses his humanity in the process of reaching high levels of creative thought is the greatest tragedy of the human race. For we need our intellectuals—we must have their foresight and their clear thinking and planning. But intellectuals should never be allowed to become a government. If they do, they will ride the people without mercy, as they are doing in Russia today, and as they will do in China and India if they seize power.

That, then, can we do for peace? The present predicament of the people of Russia may also be the predicament of the peoples of China and India in another few years. Merely to waste our substance in preparation for war is not only not enough, but it is stupid technique. The threat of war from us is the one weapon these intellectuals in Russia want. The threat of German attack was what made those poor ignorant peasants of Russia willing to go through the slavery of the five-year plans devised by the intellectuals. Nothing else but the fear of a new aggression, accompanied this time by a frightful weapon, can stir Russia's people to fresh efforts.

THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE

What shall we do? Common sense answers very simply, "Anything except to threaten war." We should do all we can to work against Communists, first of all by not talking about fighting Russia. Every time an American talks about fighting Russia, he hands a gun to the Communists. They run shouting with it to their people. "See? I told you the Americans want to fight us!"

Second, we can behave with common sense to the Russians who live here. The recent furor in a public school auditorium in Washington, D.C., when a Russian lecturer was booed, reached a height of folly which makes every decent American ashamed. Be assured that every word of it reached the Communists and gave them plenty of help.

Here is another true story—I have it firsthand. Last week, in one of the big public libraries in New York City, a man upstairs in a gallery happened to drop a book. It fell on a woman's head. The man hastened downstairs to apologize. But the woman was angry. She refused his apologies and shouted at him, "You're a Communist! That's what you are! Communists sneak up and hit you from the back!" The fact that such silly things do happen is dangerous because they furnish new power to the Communists, who are trying to maintain their hold on the tired Russian people.

HOW WE ARE HELPING THE REDS

We can and should maintain an absolutely firm stand

該允許知識份子們變成政府 ○ 結若這樣,他們將鞭策人民,毫不 電貸,如同他們目前在蘇聯所做 的一樣,且如同他們將來在中國 和印度所做的一樣,假使他們在 那裏取得政權的話。

我們能夠,而且應該保持美國人的絕對堅定立場。我不相信 訓好政策。但我無疑也不相信做 他們希望我們做的事,說他們希 望我們說的話,間接去幫助共產 當。 as Americans. I do not believe in appeasement. But certainly I do not believe in helping the Communists by doing what they want us to do, and by saying what they hope we will say.

In our ignorance, this is exactly what we have been doing with all our loose anti-Russian talk. What we have to do instead is to see that the necessities of life will be available to all the people of the world.

Obviously, this is far too big a job for Americans alone. We can go bankrupt trying to feed everybody, even in the countries that we want to influence politically. Moreover, we must realize that even by giving relief and money, as we have been doing and are planning to do, we help the Communists.

WE AID THE WRONG PEOPLE

We are giving relief and money to persons and groups, who, though anti-Communist politically, have oppressed the people in their own way. If we support them, the people we really want to win over will go instead to the Communists. What happened in Russia will happen elsewhere, and is already happening in China. Starving, suffering, angry people are not going to be reassured by our giving aid to old, corrupt governments which have no record of ever having done anything for the people. It is a human problem that faces us in the world today, not a political one. The people must be served, and they will go where their hope leads them, even if it is a false hope.

The only practical path for peace today is in setting up world administrations for the few basic supplies which people must have in order to live in any sort of comfort: food, first; then public health, which includes housing; then education—technological, agricultural—and trade development.

There is enough food in the world to feed everybody, and much more can be grown everywhere than is at present being grown. The lack is in a sound, simple administration for distribution. This distribution should be under the United Nations—not in the form of relief or charity, so absurdly inadequate and so evil in their psychological effects on the giver and receiver alike; but in the form of sale of surpluses, for cash or credit, the sale to be determined not by the highest bidder, but by the most needy people.

And the job for Americans? Clearly it is our job to initiate and support these world administrations. This does not mean world government. We do not need a world government for what should only be administrations of

我們無知,這正是我們隨便 發出反蘇言論所做的事情。反之 ,我們所應該做的是認清全世界 人民都當獲得生活必需品。

美國人作什麼呢?顯然我們 的任務是發起並支持那些世界性 機關。但此非世界政府之謂。軍 軍為了管理基本日用品,我們不 需要世界政府。這些機關應該至 相合作、但各自負責。

Mark Twain (Continued)

馬克吐温評傳(續)

From Living Biographies of Famous Writers

趙孟養譯

Mark Twain hated hatred. At times this feeling within him became so intense that, as he asserted, "I have to take the pen and put my thoughts out on paper to keep them from setting me afire inside." At his best, Mark Twain belonged to the company of the prophets. Yet, by his own admission, he did not always offer his best to the world. He was too fond of luxury, and too hungry for time, to have his full say in any of his earlier books. He tried to cover with a cloak of respectability the rebelliousness within his own soul. His one serious excursion into open rebellion-when he attempted to "clean up" the politics of San Francisco-had cleaned him out of a job and a home. Thereafter he decided that "it doesn't pay to swim against the tide." He had found that in order to be successful, you must attach yourself to those that are in power.

For the greater part of his life, Mark Twain was chiefly interested in climbing. He didn't care to write any book "unless," to use his own words, "there was money in it, and a good deal of it." He therefore expurgated, or allowed his friends to expurgate, much of the bitterness in those books which he wrote during his "climbing" period. His public would neither understand, nor pay for, serious thinking. "Irony," he wrote in Pudd'nhead Wilson, "was not for those people; their mental vision was not focussed for it." And so he gave them a series of books-The Innocents Abroad, Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, The Prince and the Pauper, and a harvest of short stories—in which there was a minimum of wormwood sweetened

在他的大半生中,馬克吐溫第一關切 着向上攀登。他無意於撰寫任何樣的書, 『除非』,用他自己的話來説,『這裏面有 錢;有很多的錢』。所以在那些攀登』時 期的著作中他删除了我者聽任何他的友人 删除了許多苦味。他的讀者既不懂得嚴肅 的思想;也不願意出錢去買它。『諷刺的 **反語』,他在笨伯威爾進中寫道,『並非 满這些人説的,他們的內心視力不集中在** 這上面』。於是他寫給他們一連串的書⋯ -海外愚夫,湯姆索葉,赫格爾倍萊芬; 王子與貧兇和一集短篇小説——襄面含有 最少量的苦味,加上了最大量的蜜糖使其 可口。他自己的鑑賞力是遠遠的超出他許 多讀者的鑑賞力。他驚異那些大真的心智 ,竟能看了像跳蛙那樣乏味的故事而笑。 就连赫格爾倍萊芬·在他的這一類故事中 算是最傑出的了→他也並不特別珍視○這

with a maximum of honey. His own taste was ever so much superior to the taste of many of his readers. He was amazed at the naive mentality that could laugh over such an insipid story as The Jumping Frog. Nor was he particularly proud even of Huckleberry Finn, the best of his stories which fell into this group. The appeal of these stories, he agreed with Henry James, was "an appeal to rudimentary minds." He wrote for a large public because he cared for his money more than he cared for his art. He was ashamed of his enormous public, "You have a mongrel perception of humor, nothing more; a multitude of you possess that. This multitude see the comic side of a thousand low-grade and trivial thingsbroad incongruities, mainly; grotesqueries. absurdities, evokers of the horse-laugh."

He was ashamed of his enormous and uncritical public—and he was ashamed of himself because he hadn't the courage to write for a smaller and more exacting audience. "You observe," he once remarked, "that under a cheerful exterior I have got a spirit that is angry with me and gives me freely its contempt."

He confessed that he was carried away by the glitter of gold His unexpected rise to fame and prosperity was like a fairly tale out of the Arabian Nights, and he could never quite get over the wonder of it. A printer's apprentice, a pilot on a Mississippi steamboat, an unsuccessful prospector in Nevada and an obscure reporter in San Francisco, he suddenly found himself the wealthy author of a celebrated book -he made \$300,000 out of The Innocents, Abroad-and the son-in-law of a millionaire coal-baron. His head was completely turned. He began, like so many of his contemporaries, to aim at the rainbow, to reach for the moon. Literature had become a business with him. He was anxious to show his father-in-law, Mr. Rogers, that there was as much money in writing books as in selling coal. All you had to do was to give the public what the public wanted.

And so he sold laughter for gold, and the gold turned into ashes in his hands. For he was a dual personality. He had the moneygrubbing body of Samuel Clements and the

他對於這些廣大沒有鑑賞力的讀者感到羞慚——而他也替自己羞慚,因為他沒有勇氣為一羣人數較少而比較苛求的讀者寫作。『你看』,他有一次說,『我在愉快的外貌下已經養成一種跟自己着惱並任意看不起自己的精神。

於是他售獎以換取黃金,而黃金得到 他的手中又變成了灰爐,因為他是一個變 重性格的人物。他兼有撒母耳·克莱門斯 擊擊蓄財的軀壳和馬克吐溫爱好自由的雲 freedom-loving soul of Mark Twain. It was his regular habit to write two letters when he addressed people on vital subjects. The one in which he expressed his own views he put away in his desk. The other, in which he expressed the popular view, he mailed. "I have a family to support," he explained, "and I can't afford to tell the whole truth."

But in spite of his indecision he was mentally —if not morally—d pioneer. It was this pioneer soul of Mark Twain that ventured forth hesitantly in Tom Sawyer, in The Prince and the Pauper, in Captain Stormfield's Visit to Heaven in Pudd'nhead Wilson, in A Connecticut Yankee, in The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg, in Huckleberry Finn. These books came like a succession of midsummer days full of a lazy sunlight and laughter but interrupted occasionally by the crashing of ironic thunder in the distance. And it was this same pioneer soul that at last spoke out fearlessly in The Mysterious Stranger. In this book—at his wife's request it was not published till after his death-he finally told the truth as he saw it. He had aimed at the rainbow and had found it nothing but a passing mirage. Having made several fortunes and lost them, having tasted the "sad satiety" of friendship and of fame, and having experienced the blessedness of loving and the bitterness of losing those that he loved, he gathered all the threads of his wisdom and his suffering and wove them into a single masterpiece-The Mysterious Stranger. The idea of this book had grown in his mind for several years. "I have been intending for a long time," he told William Dean Howells, "to write [such] a book without reserve—a book which should take account of no one's feelings, and no one's prejudices, opinions, beliefs, hopes, illusions, delusions: a book which should say my say, right out of my heart, in the plainest language and without a limitation of any sort."

The Mysterious Stranger is the only book of Mark Twain's in which he said his whole say. Artistically it may be inferior to Huckleberry Finn. Philosophically, however, this is his outstanding work. It is, we believe,

魂。當其作書與人涉及重要問題時,按他 的平常習慣總寫成兩通。一通他表示自己 的意見,收在寫字台裏。另外一通他表示 常人一般的意見,這才付郵寄出。『我須 負担一個家庭』,他解釋道,『所以我無 法説出全部的真話』。

·但是我愀然必猿意馬;在精神上-假便不是在道德上---選是一個開路先鋒 正就是馬克吐溫這顆先知先覺的靈魂躊 躇不决的在湯姆索葉,在王子與貧兒,在 史托姆菲爾特船長天堂之遊;在笨伯威爾 遜;在一個康涅狄格州美國人;在敗壞海 特萊堡的人。在赫格爾伯萊芬中胃險出現 ,這些書的問世好像接連幾天的仲夏日; 充满着懒洋洋的陽光和笑聲但偶然被遠處 諷刺的雷聲所阻斷。也就是這同一顆先知 先费的重魂終於在神秘的異鄉人中肆無忌 悍的説出來了。在這本書中——因其食妻 的請求直等他去世後方出版——他倒底説 出了他目睹的真相。他曾經追求虹霓; **党适只是轉眼成空的迷景。他既屡富屡衰** ,備當友誼和威名的「慘澹譽足」,並歷 經相親相爱的幸福和失其所憂的痛苦,於 是將其智慧和困苦中所有的思緒彙集起來 —就是神秘 **,編成一本獨一無二的傑作—** 的異鄉人。這本書的概念在他的心中已經 醞釀了好幾年。他告訴美國文藝批評家豪 威爾斯道,『我久已存心想寫【這樣】一 本毫無保留的書——這一本書,裏面不必 頗及任何人的感情,任何人的偏見;主張 ,信仰,希望,幻覺·,妄念,這一本**書應** 該用最明白的暢達文字,不加任何顧慮; 直接從我的心坎,說出我所要說的話來』

神秘的異鄉人就是馬克吐溫僅有的一本書 · 裏面把他所要說的話和盤托了出來 · 在藝術上這或者次於赫格爾倍萊芬 · 但在哲學上這是他的傑著 · 我們相信就是這本書使他和世界上偉大的諷刺家——朱维

the one book which places him on a level with the world's great satirists-Juvenal, Cervantes, Swift, Voltaire, Anatole France. The Mysterious Stranger is the story of Satan's visit to Eseldorf (Assville), a medieval town in Austria. Eseldorf is a miniature of the world, and its inhabitants are a cross section of the human race. Satan in this story is interested neither in helping nor in corrupting humanity. He merely watches our struggle occasionally," as an amused spectator, when he has nothing better to do. When he comes to Eseldorf, he makes himself known to three children-in the eyes of Satan we are all children-and for a short time he enables them to see life just as he, in his superior wisdom, sees it. He shows them what an ugly dungheap we have made out of the beautiful garden into which we have been born. An old priest, Father Peter, is suspended from his church because he dares to assert the doctrine that God is all goodness. What will become of the fear of hell, the inhabitants of Eseldorf ask themselves, if such men are allowed to remain in the pulpit?

And the magistrates of Eseldorf are only too eager to lead the people in their persecution of Father Peter. A priest who maintains that God will not eternally torture the sinners, conclude the magistrates, must be a sinner himself. And so they accuse Father Peter of theft and lock him in a cell to await his trial.

The three boys, who love Father Peter, are are aghast at the spectacle of his suffering. But Satan assures them that everything will turn out for the best.

While the priest is awaiting trial, Satan amuses two of the boys by giving them a glimpse into the heart of things. It is not a pretty spectacle. As for the third boy, Satan reserves for him a treat of another sort. He drowns him. This, he explains to the two heartbroken playmates of the dead boy, is the greatest good fortune that can happen to any living creature.

Father Peter is put on trial at last. His chances for acquittal appear to be very slim. For the magistrates have trumped up an airtight case against him. But Satan tells the

那爾。薩凡提斯,史尉夫特,福祿特耳 法明士——畴於同等地位。神秘異鄉人是 講魔鬼訪問中世紀一個奥地利市鎮驢邨的 故事。驢邨是一個世界缩影,而它的居民 就是人類的一個橫斷面。在這個故事中魔 鬼所感到興趣的既不在幫助也不在誘環人 類。他在没有更好的辦法時,只是像一個 感到娱悦的旁觀者随時注视着我們的挣扎 · 當他來到驢邨的時候 , 他現身在三個小 孩之前——在魔鬼的眼中我們都是小孩— —並於短時間內使他們看到生命,恰如他 以超人智慧所看到的一樣。他顯示给他們 看。我們所降生的美麗園子已經被我們弄 成了如何醜惡的一個糞堆。一個老年教士 彼得神父被迫退出教堂、因為他胆敢宣説 上帝是萬善的教義。假使這種人聽其留在講經壇上,驢邦的居民自相詢問道。對於 地獄的恐懼將變成什麼呢?

驢邦的官憲們只是太熱切於率領人民 去迫書彼得神父。一個堅稱上帝不會永久 刑罰罪人的教士,官憲們的結論説,必定 自己也是一個罪人。因此他們控訴彼得神 父犯了偷竊罪,把他鎖入監中、等候審訊

那三個男孩) 很爱彼得神父 : 看見他 受苦的景象不勝驚駭 。但是魔鬼向他們保 證 · 一切都會好轉。

當教士正在等候審訊的時候,魔鬼就 好說其中兩個男孩,讓他們一瞥世事的底 在 這並不是美麗的景象。至於第三個男 孩,魔鬼留給他另外一樣執待的方法。他 把他淹死在水裏。他向那兩個心碎了的稅 就舊伴解釋道,這是任何活的生物所能夠 交到的最大好運哩!

被得神父為到底被提出來審訊了。他 看來是很少無罪獲釋的機會,因為官塞們 已經對他羅織成一個天衣無縫的鐵案,但 是魔鬼告訴那兩個男孩不必憂慮。『一切 boys not to worry. "Everything will turn out for the best."

And sure enough, the Devil proves to be as "good" as his word. He not only establishes the innocence of the gentle old priest, but he makes him supremely happy for the rest of his life. The manner in which he brings about Father Peter's happiness is devilishly simple. He brings to the old prisoner in his cell a false report of the verdict. "The trial is over and you stand forever disgraced as a thief!"

The old man, hearing this, loses his mind and becomes "as happy as a bird." From now on, he imagines that he is the Emperor of the World. He enjoys all the glory, but none the worry, of an absolute monarch. The friends of Father Peter are struck dumb with horror. But the Devil reassures them. Next to death, he explains, insanity is the greatest gift which the gods can bestow upon mankind. The only way in which they can make a human being supremely happy is to make him supremely mad.

For the world, concludes Mark Twain, is a madhouse, and life is an insane nightmare between a sleep and a sleep. "Strange," he declares, "that you should not have suspected that your universe and its content were only dreams, visions, fiction! Strange, because they are so frankly and hysterically insanelike all dreams: a God who could make good children as easily as bad, yet preferred to make bad ones; who could have made every one of them happy, yet never made a single happy one; who made them prize their bitter life, yet stingily cut it short; who gave his angels eternal happiness unearned, yet required his other children to earn it; who gave his angels painless lives, yet cursed his other children with biting miscries and maladies of mind and body; who mouths justice and invented hell-mouths mercy and invented hell -mouths Golden Rules and forgiveness multiplied by seventy times seven, and invented hell . . . who created man without invitation, then tries to shuffle the responsibility for man's acts upon man.

都會好轉是。

的確,魔鬼證明是言出有『信』的。 他不但確證了這個和善的老教士的清白無 罪,並且更使他在無上幸福中度其餘生 他给彼得神父帶來幸福的方法是極其簡明 的,他帶了一份假的判决書到監中给這個 老犯人。『審訊終結了:你得永遠蒙受竊 犯的取辱』!

因為這世界,馬克吐溫的結論説,是 一所瘋人院;而生活是一個發狂的白日夢 魘。『奇怪的是』,他道,你們竟不曾猜 疑到你們的宇宙和它的內涵只是夢想,幻 **覺,虛象!奇怪的是因為他們發狂得如是** 明顯悟亂——像所有的夢一樣:一個能夠 造成好孩子像造康孩子一樣容易的天帝却 寧願造出壞的來;能夠使他個個人幸福的 ,却從來不讓有一個幸福的人;既使他們 珍視其辛酸的生命。却又鄙吝的把它折減 ;給他的天使們坐享永久的幸福;却必需 他的别些孩子去择取幸福;给了他的天使 們沒有痛苦的生命,却以心身上辛劇的痛 苦和疾病加害於他的別些孩子;口宣正義 而發明了地獄---口宣仁慈而發明了地獄 -口宣全律而發明了地獄……既未經請 求而創造了人,於是又圖把人所作所為的 責任推諉於人。

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THIS IS THE UNITED STATES

如 此 美 國

By John Gunther From "Inside U. S. A."

瞿瑞虎譯

HE United States is the first nation in the world in production of coal, petroleum, steel, electric energy, copper, cotton, lumber, and multitudinous other industrial and agricultural materials; but its political stamina and wit leave something to be desired. It contains four-fifths of the world's automobiles and one-half its telephones; but not quite so overwhelming a proportion of its moral character or most interesting ideas. This country sells. 700 million dollars' worth of cosmetics in a normal year, and kills forty thousand people in automobile accidents. It contains 155,116 separate and distinct governmental units, and a baby is born every eleven and one half seconds. The United States consumed 1,115,000,000 quarts of ice cream in one year, and 660,000,000 doughnuts. Ninety-five million Americans go to the movies every week, and 55 million copies of pulp magazines are sold each month. There are 71,000,000 holders of life insurance in the United States, 40,000,000 gamblers, 20,000,000 amateur photographers, 5,000,000 stamp collectors, 2,800,000 vegetarians, 60,000 amateur radio operators, and 25,000 practicing astrologers.

The Declaration of Independence does not include the word "republic," nor does the Gonstitution contain the word "democracy" or even the word "nation." Yet the United States is, we like to think, the greatest republic, the greatest democracy, and the greatest nation in the world. It is also one of the few great nations with no national planning agency. The United States is statistically the wichest country in the world. It is also a country with no national unemployment or health insurance. Nothing, in fact, could be easier than to list some of our more preposterous and flamboyant contradictions:

In 1945, Americans spent \$1,306,514,314 on race tracks operating under pari-mutuel betting. In 1946 a bill to appropriate 100 million dollars for cancer research was defeated in the House of Representatives.

The national income last reported was 158 billion

美國是世界上出產煤,石 油,鋼鐵,電能,鋼, 棉花,木材以及許多其 國是世界上出產煤,石 棉花,木材以及許多其 他工業和農業原料最富的國家; 但是它政治的本質和智慧尚難令 人满意。它擁有全世界四分之一 的汽車,二分之一的電話:但是 在道德的品質和一些最優美的思 想上,它並沒能佔有如此壓倒的 比例。美國每年售出價值700.00 0,000元的化妝品, 有四萬人因 汽車失事而死於非命。它有155, 116 個各別單獨的政治單位,每 十一秒半鐘有一個嬰孩出生。美國在一年中消耗 1,115 000,000 夸脱冰淇淋,660,000,000 油煎 餅。每星期有95.000 000人看電 影,每月銷售55 000.000本軟性 雜誌。有71 000 000人保專險, 40 000 000賭徒,20 000,000人 喜散研究拍照,5,000,000 人搜 集郵票,2,800,000人素食,60, 000名業餘無線電家 , 25,000人 研究占星術。

1945年美國消耗於賽馬的達 1,306,514,314元。 然而在1946 年,一個撥款100,000 000 元用 於研究癌病的法案在衆議院竟被 否决了。

最近公布的國家收入是1,58

dollars. But only one American family in thirty-four had an income of \$7,500 per year or more, only one in ten had \$4,000, and more than 50 per cent had less than \$122.00 per month.

This nation is supposed to have the finest standards of public health in the world. But 40 per cent of all draftees in World War II were rejected as physically unfit for military service; not less than 12 per cent were mental or psychoneurotic cases. Of the troops still in Germany in 1946, one out of every four men had venereal disease.

This nation is supposed to have the finest standards of public education in the world. But 13.9 per cent of draftees were found to be illiterate in 1943, and something like three million adult Americans have never gone to school at all.

In 1945, Americans spent \$1,200,000,000 on jewelry. At a public dinner in New York, for a worthy charitable purpose, the first prize in a quiz show was a 109-carat diamond or \$50,000 cash. Women's shoes in 1946 were obtainable in 160 different sizes. But 40 per cent of all American homes have no bathtub or shower, 35 per cent have no indoor toilet, and 30 per cent have no running water.

This nation derives much of its strength from the puritan tradition, and in America there are 24,402,124. Roman Catholics. But for every three marriages in 1946, there was one divorce. This nation has always had a strong prohibitionist tendency, and one-fifth of it is dry. But in 1945 it consumed 190,000,000 gallons of hard liquor, which cost just under seven billion dollars.

The United States is generally supposed to maintain efficient means of educating and enlightening public opinion, especially in wartime. A poll in early 1946 showed that 19 per cent of GI's in a German area thought that German was justified in starting the war, 22 per cent believed that the Germans were justified in persecuting the Jews, and 51 per cent that Hitler had done Germany "a lot of good" between 1933 and 1939.

This is a country supposed to worship consolidation and rationalization above all. But Washington, D.C. has five different police forces, and no resident of the District of Columbia is allowed to vote.

0 000,000元 · 但是每三十四個家庭中,只有一家每年收入7,500元 · 十個家庭中,只有一家每年收入4,000元,一半以上的家庭每月收入只有122元。

美國被認為公衆健康水準最 前國家。但在第二次世界大戰 中,應召入伍者却有百分之一 因身體不適宜而被拒絕;百分之 十二患精神病。1946留駐德國的 軍隊中有四分之一患花柳病。

美國被認為公共教育最發達 的國家。但在1943年入伍者中有 百分之十三。九不識字,美國人 成年未進過學校約有三百萬名。

1945年美國人耗費於珠寶的 達1,200,000,000元 · 在經濟於 個國大的慈善性公宴中,絕 109克拉的鑽石或 50,000 元 現 1946年女人的鞋子有 160 種 同 1946年女人的鞋子有 20 同 1946年女人的鞋子有 160 同 1946年女人的 1946年女 1946年

這個國家得力於清敦徒的傳統,在美國却有24.402 214名天主教徒。但在1946年每三次結婚就有一次離婚。美國有强烈的禁酒傾向,絕對不飲酒的佔五分之一。但在1945年,美國却消耗190,000,000加侖的烈性酒,價值將近70,000,000元。

美國被認為最崇拜團結和合理化的,但是華威頓一處就有五種不同的警衞機構,並且不許京 發哥倫比亞區的居民有選舉權。

"A country that is governed by even its own national army can never be free."

-Gandhi.

A Lesson from the German Inflation

德國通貨膨脹的一課

By Robert Schudbach

吳建庵譯

THEN the German inflation after World War -I finally reached its peak in the later part of 1923, with 4,200,000,000,000 marks having to be paid for one American dollar, it left in its wake poverty on one side and an accumulation of wealth on the other. The big lossers were the entire working population and the so-called middle-class, government officials, small businessmen and shopkeepers—people who always thought of saving for the years ahead of them. Bank accounts, saving deposits and even government securities which were once regarded as "gilt-edged" had become worthless. Winner on the other hand was first of all the German government, which got rid of practically all its internal debts, including its huge war debt. Also landlords and farmers, whose property was burdened with mortgages, as their debts were wiped out by the inflation, and a vast number of foreign speculators, notably Dutch, Norwegians, Danes and Poles who concentrated on buying gold, jewels, real estate and city apartment houses by the dozens.

In most cases these real estate deals were conducted with about one-fourth-of the price as cash-down payment, while the rest was paid in promissory notes extending over a period of months, during which the mark further devaluated.

The inflation started right after the end of the war in 1918. At first, its growth was gradual and hardly noticed by the majority of the population. In July 1919, for instance, one American dollar bought 13,50 marks as compared to 4.20 marks of the pre-war rate. As time went on, the speed of the inflation increased, developing by leaps and bounds in 1922 and 1923. The situation finally developed to a point where shops and stores were only kept open during a few afternoon hours, selling whatever commodities they had at prices which had been fixed according to the latest dollar-rate, announced by the Stock Exchange daily about one o'clock.

第一次世界大戰後,德國 第 的通貨膨脹終於在一九 二三年的下半年達到京 二三年的下半年達到高 **举,兌換美金一无須付四,二〇** 〇:〇〇〇,〇〇〇,〇〇〇馬 克,那留下来的遺跡,一方面是 窮困,另一方面是财富的積聚。 损失重大的是全體勞動人民和所 謂中等階級;公務員,小商人和 商店主——一般時常想到未雨绸 缪積蓄防老的人們。銀行賬戶; 储蓄存款、甚至政府公债,昔日 視為一等可靠的,到此已變成一 文不值。在另一方面、獲利的第 一是德國政府,實際上把一切內 债完全償清,龐大的戰债亦在其 内 。 還有地主和農民 , 他們的財 產原是抵押在外的,亦因通貨膨 脹而諸债全清,還有許許多多的 外國投機家、尤其是荷蘭人、挪 成人,丹参人和波蘭人,集中購 買黄金,珠寶,地產,和市內的 公寓房子以數十計。這種房地產 的成交。多数催照價付給現款約 四分之一,其餘則付以期票,期 限長達數月;而馬克在這個時期 **疐面,價值已更形低落了**。

Especially hard hit in those hetic days were laborers who were paid on a weekly or monthly basis. Although the government had maintained rigid control of rents, the prices of all commodities; including bus and tram fares, went sky-rocketing, following the swift decline of the mark. A streetcar ride in Berlin during the summer of 1923 cost Marks 15,000,000,000.

Finally the trade unions and the government stepped in and compelled employers to pay their workers and employees at least every second or third day. By that time the situation had deteriorated to a point where housewives were waiting for their husbands at factory gates in order not to lose any time in converting their money into foodstuffs. For any delay, say till the next day, would have meant practically loss of two days' wages. To worsen the situation, unemployment increased. Although a government dols was paid, it hardly sufficed to pay the rent. Looting of foodships and grocery stores became an every day occurence in Berlin, and other big cities, despite rigid police control. Men and women of all ages took part and did not hesitate to invade stores in the then fashionable west end of Berlin. During the summer of 1923 the situation became alarming and voices grew louder with demands that the government do something to end this situation. Plans discussed in the Reichstag and in financial and economic circles were numerous but none seemed to be acceptable to the government and the Parliament. Finally, Dr. Karl Helfferich, former secretary of state, financial expert and economist, produced a plan which found the approval of all circles concerned and which eventually led to the financial recovery of Germany.

The basis of the "Helfferich Plan," as the new scheme generally was called, was that new German currency should derive its backing from the German spil. It provided that all land holdings be mortgaged to the amount of four per cent of their 1913 value, on which six per cent interest had to be paid. The country's industry was likewise to be mortgaged to the extent of four per cent of its working capital. In order to mobilize these mortgages, mortgage certificates with a face value of 500 goldmarks, totalling 3,200,000,000 marks, were to be issued, bearing interest of five per cent. These mortgage certificates actually were to take the place of gold or foreign currencies and were to be held as securities by a new bank of issue which was to be founded according to the plan. The limiting of these certificates to a specified amount was to be guaranteed, the notes issued would never exceed the amount of 3,200,000,000 marks. One of the stipulations of the planprovided that the holder of the new notes could redeem

時由證券交易所掛牌公佈。在這 混亂時期,受打擊最重的是每星 期或每月發給工資的工人。政府 **雞嚴格限制房租,但各種物價以** 及公共汽車和電車票價,却隨馬 克幣值的迅速降落而淩霄直上。 一九二三年夏間;在柏林乘坐電 車一次,就要付給一五,〇〇〇 ,〇〇〇,〇〇〇馬克。最後工 會和政府起而干涉,强迫廠方至 少每隔一天或隔雨天發給工錢一 次口這時局勢敗壞已達樞點,家 中主婦都在工廠外面守候她們的 丈夫,以便急於把工錢換取食物 ·免费時間 · 因為稍一躭欄 ; 此 方説等到明天再買,實際上就等 於喪失兩天的工錢;加上失業人 **敦增多;使局勢更形惡化。政府** 雖有失業津貼,幾不足以價付房 租。警察雖嚴厲管制,搶劫食物 肆和雜貨舖的事;在柏林和其他 大都市中,已成每日智見 0 男女 老幼:一致参加·在雷時梢林西 區的繁盛地段。問入商店毫不畏 縮〇一九三三年夏,局勢演化, 變本加厲得駭人聽聞,要求政府 設法挽救的呼聲漸高。國會和財 政金融雨界所討論的方案不可勝 **数**,但似乎無一可為政府和國會 所接受。最後由前國務部長財政 專家兼經濟學家赫爾弗立克提出 一種整理幣制的方案,獲得各關 **係方面的同意,終能領導德國金** 融復歸安定。

此新計劃普通稱為「赫爾弗 立克方案」;主張德國新幣應以 本國產業為後盾,方案中規定一 切地產,可按照一九一三年市價 百分之四抵押;應付利息六厘。 國內工業同樣可按照營業資本百 分之四作抵。為流通此項抵押權 起見,發行票面價值五百金馬克 之抵押證,共達三,二〇〇,〇 ○○;○○○馬克;週息五厘。 **這種抵押證實際係代替金幣或外** 匯內按照方案設立之新發行銀行 用作担保品。抵押證的發行數目 嚴格限制,發行紙幣不得超過三 ,二〇〇,〇〇〇,〇〇〇馬克 。方案中並規定,凡持有新鈔者 , 如若願意, 可用以贖回抵押證 such if desired against mortgage certificates. On October 15, 1923, a law was passed authorizing the establishment of the so-called "Rentenbank" along principles outlined in the "Helfferich Plan" and with the main purposes of giving the country a new and stable currency.

Thereafter things began to move fast. Towards the end of October the new notes, called "Rentenmark" were brought into circulation. The rate of exchange was 1,000,000,000,000 inflation marks against one "Rentenmark." In other words, the German currency was stabilized at the rate of 4,200,000,000,000 inflation marks for one American dollar. Thus overnight, the German inflation came to an end. Of course, there weren't enough "Rentenmarks" at the beginning to comply with demands. It was specified therefore, that until all the inflation notes were withdrawn from circulation, they would continue as legal tender at the fixed rate of exchange. If a loaf of bread, for instance, cost half a "Rentenmark; the buyer, not having any of the new marks, had to pay 500,000,000,000 inflation marks. Curiously enough, there was an unshakable confidence in the new currency from the beginning. Business throughout the country revived and stores were filled with goods hitherto kept from public view. Especially was the man on the street relieved by the feeling that the money he earned during a week of hard work would no longer have to be spent in an hour, but would also be good a month later.

一九二三年十月十五日又通 過法律,准許依照赫氏方案中所 舉原則設立所謂「整理銀行」, 主要目的在與圖家以一穩定的新 幣。

自此以後,情勢急遽好轉 o 至十月底,新鈔已經流通;稱做 *整理馬克」兌換率是一 > ○ ① ○ 5 ○ ○ ○ 5 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ 6 馬克合一個「整理馬克」。換一 句說,就是德國通貨已穩定在四 う二〇0~000~000~0 〇〇舊馬克合美金一元的兌換率 ·這樣:德國通貨膨脹在一夜之 間便告結束。當然:在起初還沒 有充分的「整理馬克」足以應付 需求,因此規定所有舊馬克在沒 有全部收回以前,仍可按照規定 的兌換率作為法幣值用〇譬如 個麵包值半個「整理馬克」,買 者倘没有新馬克,得付五○○; 000,000元000舊馬克 · 奇怪的是人民對於新幣· 自始 即極端信任。全國商業復興;商 店內充滿公衆一向看不見的貨物 。尤其是一般普通人, 自覺一星 期辛苦所赚的錢;不致再要在一 小時內化盡;即使在一個月後仍 可有用。因此就安心了。

"The elements of our strength are many," says Pres. Truman. "The basic source of our strength is spiritual. We are people with faith. We believe in the dignity of man. The faith of our people has particular meaning at this time in history, because of the unsettled and changing state of the world."

杜魯門總統說:我們力量的因素很多。我們力量的根源是精神的。我們是 有信仰的人民。我們相信人的尊嚴。世界的局勢不安定變多化,我們人民的信 你在歷史上這個時期特別有意義。

ALUMINUM FROM COMMON CLAY

平常泥土中的鋁金

From "Science Service" Washington D. C.

馬登譯

The world's first moving span bridge of aluminum alloys is now being constructed.

It will weigh only 40 per cent as much as a steel bridge of equal strength. The bridge will be far less susceptible to corrosion, and more economical in that less power will be used by the lifting mechanism.

There has also been a saving in the costs of transport, erection, and foundations. The constructors are Head Wrightson and Co., of Thornaby-on-Tees, England.

世界第一座鋁合金活動橋正在建造中。

這橋重僅及同等堅固鋼橋百分之四十,不易受侵蝕;起重機的省力更為經濟。

運輸,建立和奠基的代價也可節省。承造者為英國海特勞斯登公司。

VERYBODY knew that untold quantities of aluminum were locked up in hydrated aluminum slicate—common clay. They were also convinced that it would require too much energy to extract the pure, light, tough metal from the clay that lay in abundance all around us.

"Hadn't the Germans tried—and failed—to get aluminum from clay?"

One person who refused to share this pessimism was Dr. James I. Hoffman, a Pennsylvania-born chemist who worked with the National Bureau of Standards. In May, 1942, the War Department asked the 57-year-old scientist if he could find a way to produce aluminum without the use of bauxite, which had to be imported from abroad.

After three years of effort, Hoffman had a pilot plant successfully extracting aluminum from clay. He proved that it is feasible to exploit the countless tons of clay to be found in so many parts of the United States. And Dr. Hoffman reveals that 190 billion tons of clay will yield nearly 38 billion tons of aluminum metal.

What about the cost of the new extraction method? "At present," says Dr. Hoffman, "clay aluminum is twice

人知道氮化氧鋁矽鹽— 一平常泥土中蘊藏着無 量數的鋁金。他們也 信從我們四周豐富的泥土中提取 純粹輕質和堅韌的金屬當需太多 的熟能。

「德國人是不是想從泥土中 提銘而告失敗的嗎?」通常總是 這樣討論着。

經過三年的努力,霍甫曼造成一試驗所,順利地自泥土中提取銀金。他證明開發美國許多地方的無數順泥土,易於為事內霍博士宣布一百九十億噸的黏土可以出產約近三十八億噸的鋁。

那麼新提煉方法的代價怎樣 呢?霍博士說:「目前黏土鋁金 較鐵鑿土金屬貴兩倍,但另有其 他值得考慮的地方。我們力能從 as expensive as the bauxite metal, but there are other considerations. It is important for us to be able to produce aluminum from materials we have at home, instead of depending on foreign markets."

Moreover, clay aluminum will come down in price as soon as chemists simplify the process of manufacture and learn how to derive, from it, useful by-products. Many elements occur in clay, such as iron and potash, and it may be possible to market these along with the aluminum, thus bringing down the production costs.

When Dr. Hoffman started his research in extracting aluminum from clay, he approached it, as might be expected, like an analytical chemist. He knew how aluminum salts behave in test tubes, and that it is possible to isolate the metal by cycles of alternate solution and precipitation.

"Why not," he asked, "use these laboratory methods on a pilot-plant scale?"

The experts insisted that nothing would come of his experiments, that he was wasting his time. Paying no attention to them, he enlisted no attention to them, he enlisted the aid of a small group of fellow-workers in building some novel equipment in a dilapidated garage. One of his most devoted assistants was his son, John Drake Hoffman, a science student.

They obtained parts and materials from wherever they could. A boiler, discarded by the Bureau of Standards power plant, was a lucky find. Under the skilful hands of Herbert Lowey, an instrument-maker, the plant gradually took shape.

To get clay at low cost, Dr. Hoffman approached the factories that make china dishes. He knew that they would have tons of raw material rejected as being too coarse for use. It ranged in color from white to pale yellow, the yellowish tints betraying the presence of iron.

After months of experimentation, Dr. Hoffman imally discovered an efficient method of extracting the aluminum from the solid masses of clay; he used hydrochloric acid in the process. Briefly, the system he followed was to take th aluminum compound he wanted out of solution, and the rest of the material was caught in a filter. While this may sound simple to the layman, it had stumped some of the best scientific minds for years, since aluminum in clay is found combined with silicon and oxygen in a form which required considerable energy to break up.

What were the secrets discovered by Dr. Hoffman to-release the pure aluminum from the clay?

First, he found that if he heated the clay to 1300 degrees Fahrenheit, it furnished enough energy to break

國內現成原料製造鋁金,而不倚賴外國市場,此就重要了。]

再者,一等到化學家們把製造手續簡單化,並學得自其中提煉有用副產品的方法後,黏土中有的食物,如實際,如實際,就可能與一個人。 多元素,如號和炭酸甲,可能和多分分子,就可以低生產成本。

當霍甫曼開始研究從黏土中 提煉銘金的時候,他以分析化學 家的姿態從事,殆如所料。他知 道鋁鹽在試驗管中的動作,可能 用交流分解周波和沉澱方法隔離 此種金屬。

他問道:「為什麼我們不能 在試驗所的規模中利用此種實驗 方法呢?」

專家們堅持他的試驗必無結果,徒然很費時間。他全不在的實際不在的實際之一,從得一小羣助手的整治不在的問破汽車間中,造起若干新見能,最忠心的助手是他一個科學家。

他們隨處得到零件材料。標準局發電廠所棄置的一具鍋鑪, 是幸運的發現。在工具製造家陸 咸的熟練手腕中,試驗所漸漸形

霍甫曼簽現什麼秘密使純粹 鋁金和黏土分離呢?

最初,他發現倘若把黏土加 熱至華氏溫度表一千三百度,就 能供給足鉤的熱能,去破裂鋁質 和矽鹽在分子中的連結,但不鉤 把黏土焙成磚塊。 the connection between the aluminum and silicon in the molecule—but not enough to bake the clay into brick.

"After the first roasting," explains Dr. Hoffman, "the clay is dissolved in a solution of hydrochloric acid. The silica is then filtered off." By the further use of hydrochloric acid in liquid and gas form, a white, fine powder is left at the bottom of the tank. It is pure aluminum.

Several years ago, the Germans had tried a process similar to Dr. Hoffman's, but gave up the experiments when the powerful hydrochloric acid ate away at their pumps and tanks. The Pennsylvania scientist, overcame this problem by using specially-made glass and plastic pares where needed.

"Now," says Dr. Hoffman, "the plant not only defies acid but we can watch the liquids circulating through the pipes and tell at a glance how the process is coming."

Visitors at the plant are rather surprised to find the scientists attired in tattered clothes. The explanation is simple: anything made of cotton soon falls apart in the plant's pungent atmosphere. When the scientists come to work, they lock their street clothes behind thick wooden doors and don tattered old trousers and jackets.

Dr. Hoffman invariably tells interviewers that in recent months other scientists have discovered their own methods of extracting aluminum from clay. The Ancor Corporation at St. George, S.C., uses a process which requires lime or lime-soda, while the TVA method employs sulfuric acid in the extraction process.

Naturally. Dr. Hoffman is proud that he is one of the men who succeeded in doing what "couldn't be done."

"The fact that we can now turn clay into aluminum," he says, "affords good insurance for an abundant supply of aluminum in the United States in the future."

「初次烘焙後」,在甫曼解 說道:「黏土溶解在鹽鹼的溶液 中。矽質旋被濾去。」繼續利用 流質與氣體鹽酸,即有白色精細 的粉末留在鍋底。這便是純粹的 鋁質。

幾年前,德國人曾想用霍甫 曼同樣的製造程序,但當有力的 鹽酸在唧筒和錫中耗蝕時,就放 棄此種試驗。霍甫曼在必要時利 用特製的玻璃和塑膠零件,克服 了這個困難!。

「現在,」霍甫曼道:「這 試驗所不僅不怕酸液消蝕,且能 看見這流質在管子中循環,一望 可知程序進行的情形。」

當然,霍甫曼完成「不能做 成的」事情,足以自豪。

他道: 事實上我們此刻可 化黏土為鋁質,確實担保將來美 國鋁金的豐富供給。!

Goethe called himself a brave soldier in the war of liberation of humanity.

Hugo signed himself in a letter "a devoted citizen of the Republic of Mankind."

哥德自稱為人類解放戰爭中一個勇敢的戰士

置俄在他的信上簽着「人類共和國一個忠實的公民」。

Out of the Earth Comes Streptomycin 自泥土中產生之鏈黴素

By Game Stafford From "Health Magazine"

吳福同譯

OST persons had hardly got over their delight that penicillin production had finally reached the stage where the precious mold chemical could be bought in the drugstore for ordinary civilians to use, when word began going around about another potent substance like penicillin for aid in our war on disease.

Germs of tuberculosis, tularemia (rabbit fever), and typhoid were among those which might, it seemed from first reports, be vanquished by this new germ-against-germ substance, technically termed an "antibiotic."

"Streptomycin" is the name of this substance. Unlike penicillin, however, it was not discovered through a lucky accident, nor was there any favorable breeze to waft it to the attention of a scientist in his laboratory.

Streptomycin was found by five years of hard digging and searching. Digging is literally correct, since in the search for an antibiotic of its characteristics, microbes that live in the earth were examined, as well as others that are found above ground.

This down-to-earth searching for a weapon against disease germs was an idea of Dr. Selman A. Waksman. Dr. Waksman is microbiologist of the New Jersey State Agricultural Experiment Station. The earth's teeming microbes which convert waste into food for plant and animal life have long been the subject of Dr. Waksman's studies, and in them, he thought, were to be found some microbial antagonisms which might prove useful in man's fight against germ-caused diseases.

As long ago as 1940 Dr. Waksman reported to the National Academy of Sciences some results of his earth-searching for new weapons against disease germs. This was only a few months after Dr. Rene J. Dubos, former student of Dr. Waksman's, had announced his discovery of gramicidin, a chemical from soil bacilli so powerful that one-millionth of an ounce would protect a mouse from a lethal dose of pneumonia germs.

就最初之報告言,結核病: 免熱病及傷寒病菌,似皆可為此 以菌制菌之新物質,學術上稱為 「抗生劑」者所征服。

此質名為鏈徵素,但與青微素不同,並非偶然幸運發見:亦非稱任何好風吹送至實驗室中: 為科學家所注意。

鏈徽素係經五年之辛苦發掘 與搜尋,方始發見 o 此發掘兩字 文義頗為正確,緣在尋求一種抗 生劑之特性時,生活於泥土內之 微生物,亦與地面上發見之微生 物一并加以檢查。

遠在一九四〇年時,華克斯 門博士即向國立科學院報告從泥 土中尋見抵抗病菌新武器之若干 成績。此事距華氏前學生杜卜斯 博士宣布發見「格莱密西定係自土 期私有數月。格莱密西定係自土 Neither gramicidin, however, nor the substance Dr. Waksman reported to the National Academy of Sciences turned out to be what the doctors needed to get people well of ailments like typhoid fever, dysenteries, rabbit fever, undulant fever, infection with the not-too-common but nasty Klebsiella which, when they get in the lungs, set up a stubborn pneumonia or tuberculosis.

The germs of these ailments were not susceptible to attack by the sulfa drugs which, in 1940, were constantly making headlines for their triumphs over streptococcus infections, pneumonia, and a number of other serious germ-caused diseases. Not even penicillin, when it was rescued from oblivion and turned to disease-fighting, could stop the onslaught on human bodies of tubercle bacilli nor of disease germs belonging to the group labeled Gram negative.

So Dr. Waksman, aided by numerous collaborators and students, continued his searching and digging for an antibiotic that would meet certain specifications. Safety for humans and power to stop the growth of Gram-negative disease-producing germs were what the new antibiotic must have. In addition, it must be capable of exerting its antibiotic power in the presence of body fluids. If besides stopping the growth of various varieties of disease organisms, it could actually kill them, so much the better.

From normal soils, enriched soils, composts, manures, and peat bogs Dr. Waksman and fellow workers in his laboratory isolated bacteria, actinomycetes, and fungi, and examined them for antibiotic production. Of the thousands of microbes studied, the actinomycetes showed most promise. These are neither molds nor bacteria, but occupy an intermediary position between the two. Like bacteria in many ways, they have threadlike branching bodies like molds.

From one of these actinomycetes Dr. Waksman and his group turned up an antibiotic which they named "actinomycin." This was in 1940.

"It was effective against many germs, but it was also poisonous to the human body, so we had to put it aside," Dr. Waksman relates.

"Next we isolated from molds two compounds which we designated as 'clavacin' and 'fumigacin.' The first of these also proved to be quite toxic, while the second was not as active as we would have liked. Then came two more which we named 'chaetomin' and 'micromonosporin.' Chaetomin would attack germs in glass vessels but was not active in the human body. Micromonosporin had only limited activity even in the test tube.

壤桿菌取得之一種化學質;力量 至為强大,百萬分之一盎司可保 護一頭鼠類,受肺炎病菌之致死 劑量而安然無恙。

華克斯門等自放線菌之一種 取得抗生劇,名放線菌素,時為 一九四〇年。據華博士稱:『此 抗生劑雖對許多細菌有效,但對 人體亦有毒性,故不得不與以放 棄。

『其次自徽中分出兩種化合物,定名為「克萊伐辛」與「富米加辛」。 第二種亦已證明其甚有毒性,第二種則不如我人所期望之活動。繼又取得兩種,名[吉多明」與「麥克羅麻諾斯巴林」

"Finally we isolated a substance which we designated as 'streptothricin' and which appeared to have the antibiotic properties that we were looking for. It would attack the Gram-negative bacteria which penicillin and the sulfa drugs affected little or not at all. It was relatively harmless to the living body and at the same time effective against germs in the body as well as in laboratory vessels.

"Unfortunately, we discovered, upon careful investigation of the pharmacological properties of streptothricin, that it left a certain residual effect in the body which could in time become quite harmful."

Undaunted by this failure which had been so heartbreakingly close to being a success, Dr. Waksman and his collaborators searched further and finally discovered a culture of one kind of actinomyces, Streptomyces griseus, from which faintly greenish-yellow microbes was isolated the new, powerful antibiotic, streptomycin.

Only limited amounts of streptomycin have been available for tests of its activity—as a remedy. Its production is about as difficult as is that of penicillin, and everyone remembers the struggle to obtain that precious stuff during the first months following knowledge of its potency. Penicillin production, moreover, enjoyed war priorities that were not available to streptomycin production.

Even with small quantities of streptomycin for testing, it has been given to a number of patients suffering from a variety of ailments. A quite recent report from the Mayor Clinic, one of the institutions where the antibiotic has been studied, states that it has been used in the treatment of 108 patients since September, 1944. The results are summed up as follows:

"Although its value is not established in all of the following diseases, streptomycin appears at this time to be the antibiotic agent of greatest promise for treatment of typhoid fever, brucellosis, tularemia, sulfonamide and penicillin-resistant urinary tract infections, Klebsiella and Hemophilus infections, bacteriemias due to some penicillin-resistant organisms, and tuberculosis.

"There is hope that it may eventually prove to be of value in bacillary dysentery, cholera, and bubonic plague. It appears to have a place in treatment of some cases of bronchiectasis in combination with penicillin. Its effect upon intestinal flora of man when administered orally suggests important uses, including preparation of patients for surgery on the intestinal tract."

In the fifty-four cases of tuberculosis, streptomycin seemed to suppress the activity of the tuberculosis germs in the patient's body so long as it was given, but it did not

。「吉多明」在玻璃器皿內雖能 攻擊細菌,但在人體內並不活動 。「麥克羅麻諾斯巴林」即在試 管內之活動力亦屬有限。

『最後始分出一質,名為鍵 縣菌素,似具有我人所尋求之抗 生性。此質能攻擊用青黴素與磷 胺類在性類或完全無效之華 氏陰性細菌,對活體比較無害, 同時在體內及實驗室器皿內皆有 抗菌效力。

『不幸在仔細研究鍵絲菌素 之藥劑性時,發見其於體內遺留 若干殘餘作用,有時亦可甚為有 害。』

此種失敗:真是功虧一實: 使人傷心,但華博士及其同工五 不為之氣沮,繼續尋求,卒於 發見放線菌屬中一種鏈微菌之 接養物。再由此淡黃綠色之微生 物分出一强有力之新抗生劑。 為鏈徽素。

顧鏈徽素雖祗有少量可供試 驗,當用以治療各種病人 o 據研 究此抗生劑之美瑤診療所最近報 告,自一九四四年九月以來,自 用鏈徵素治療病人一百零八名 其成績可以概括如下:

show any sighs of a rapid killing action on the germs. as it had in the test tube. Every one of the twenty-one patients with tuberculosis of the lungs had a poor prognosis and appeared to have less than standard resistance to the disease.

In no case did the disease extend to unaffected lung tissue while streptomycin treatment was being given, and in at least sixteen cases signs of improvement appeared within four to eight weeks after treatment was started. The rate of improvement, however, was often not much faster than in patients with good resistance who did not get streptomycin.

The very nature of tuberculosis makes it difficult to determine without considerable time and study the value of any drug. Streptomycin seems promising enough for continued study, but patients and their relatives are reminded that the effectiveness of sanatorium care and collapse therapy are known and that these methods of treatment should not be abandoned while larger supplies of streptomycin and more knowledge about its action in tuberculosis are being built up.

HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE RUSSIANS

怎樣了解蘇聯

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basic commodities. These administrations should work in co-operation, but should be separate in responsibility.

WE WORK TOO HARD

Why do we Americans struggle along carrying burdens we don't need to carry and should not carry alone? Again the reason is simple. We still can't see the world as a whole. We still don't get the idea that this world of ours is really only a tiny place, too small to be run competitively. We have to run it co-operatively.

Don't get co-operation mixed up with communism. Co-operation is what we Americans have to a remarkable degree between our own states. But we cannot have peace in this world until we can grasp the fact that the world is too small to run in any way except co-operatively—co-operatively as far as the basic needs of human beings are concerned.

Is peace possible? It is.

Why don't we have it? Because either through ignorance or willfulness, we are not working for it.

Is there still time to prevent another world war? Yes—but barely, and only if we get to work now.

(承第八面)

合作切勿和共產主義混作一 談內實是我們美國各邦間的那種 合作。但我們在這個世界中必 能獲得和平,除非我們先能認清 下列事實,即世界太小,除合作 ……就人類基本需要而言……外 ,無論如何不能管理。

和平可能嗎?可能的。

為什麼我們沒有和平?因為 不是無知就是故意:我們尚未為 和平出力。

還有時間可以阻止另一次世界大戰嗎?是的……但很少,惟 有我們現在就開始努力。

International Beauty Contest

國際美女競選

A civic organization in Santa Monica, California, U.S.A. has announced that it will sponsor an international beauty contest in September, 1948, to which 30 foreign nations already have arranged to send contestants. The new competition will proclaim a worldwide champion of pulchritude. The largest cities of each country will hold preliminary contests to select that nation's representative. An international committee making arrangements for the competition includes among its members the Los Angeles consuls of foreign governments.

America's committee includes Varga, a noted illustrator; Rudy Vallee, radio and screen entertainer: Bernard of Hollywood, a glamor photographer; Harry Crocker, a newspaper columnist; and Buddy Rogers, film producer. "The bond of beauty," said Varga, "is a stronger means of uniting nations in good will than any peace treaty."

Foreign nations which the association said will be represented in the contest are:

Argentina, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, British Empire, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Equador, El Salvador, France, Honduras, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, USSR, Sweden, Switzerland and Venezuela.

美 國加里福化年八五八次 尼卡市某民衆團體宣佈 ,將在一九四八年九月 泉辨園際美女競選。三十國已準 備派遣代表参加口此次新競選將 產生全世界的美中魁首。每一國 家在各大城市预選本國代表一名 **,由國際委員會主持國際競選事** 宜。各國政府駐洛杉磯領事均係 委員。美國方面預選委員計有著 名插畫家代爾加;無線電與電影 歌唱员路迪萬利,好菜坞奇才摄 影師布納特;報紙專關作家哈里 克洛克及電影製片商布迪羅傑士 等0據伐爾加聲稱;「美女之聯 繁促進各國睦誼較諸任何和約尤 為有力。」該團體宣佈將派代表 参加競選各國為阿根廷;比利時 ,玻利維亞·巴西,苦國:加拿 大;智利;中國,哥侖比亞;古 巴,捷克,丹麥,厄瓜多爾,薩 爾瓦多,法國,洪都拉斯,義大 利;墨西哥 > 荷蘭 > 龙古拉瓜 · 挪威,巴拿馬。巴拉圭,祕鲁; 波蘭,蘇聯,瑞典,瑞士及委內 瑞拉口

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