

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

Letters to the Editor

Editors and Those to Follow

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—In reading your editorial, "Mars Needs," this morning, I recall another editor with a different opinion which editor was General Garrison you omitted, that was General Garrison.
Sir—With the Los Angeles Times, No. 46, our paper has been more earnestly and consistently for liberty and freedom than did General Garrison. Our editorial career was in many respects similar to that of Col. Watterson, taking over what is now known as the Los Angeles Times for years and years, and in all the time maintaining independence of influences contrary to its standard, he finally settled in the Standard of his labor in the present Los Angeles Times, one of the leading newspapers of the world.

You have well said the "last of the great editor" will be dying year by year, until there now and the future will produce them. So long as we have high standards and true principles to uphold, we will be able to carry the standard with a courageous pen notwithstanding the opinions of less-informed humanity.

U. S. G. TODD,
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Is Ours Really a "City of Brotherly Love"?

Caste in Cities

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—The reason why so many people cannot understand the attitude that people take toward them, being strangers in a big city, is that the city naturally invites citizens, and friendships are easily formed.

In the first place, this city is divided into districts. People along the exclusive sections have more social life, while in the working-class sections, women and young are more numerous.

The same is true of the Germantown and Chestnut Hill sections, the Tacon and North Philadelphia sections, the West and East Falls, and those living in the suburban towns.

Each of these sections are subdivided as to social status, and people moving into these sections will fit into the social group.

Go to any form of entertainment in this city, and you find the same lack of consideration or respect for women, and especially for the aged. This does not apply alone to the city, but to the entire country.

Have you ever seen one of your Philadelphia crowds trying to get on a street car? They act like anything but ladies and gentlemen, but push and shove, and squirm around, as though it were a football match.

In order to get a seat or at least a strand, women and young are pushed aside.

The same must be true of the people in the city, and the result is that they are given no consideration whatever. And let me repeat, that these are just as bad as the men in this respect.

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They are not to be blamed, for they are not educated to do otherwise.

At least, I hope, there is some education for them, and that they are not entirely ignorant.

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Idia Amorus Correspondent

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