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LET US BE REASONABLE.

JUST now there is a strong tendency to overdo the crusade against all forms of grafting and crookedness by making it appear that the official and business life of the country is rotten to the core.

Discussing this feature of the reform wave which is sweeping over the country the Washington Post suggests that we run to extremes in everything we do.

It should in fairness be said that we are equally hasty and unbalanced in our judgment of ourselves, whether favorable or disparaging.

Since the recent disclosures of rapacity, dishonesty, and official unfaithfulness, continues the Post, we have been indulging to the full in one of these black periods, representing ourselves day after day to all mankind as the basest and most unworthy of people.

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BUT WILL IT ENDURE?

THE prosperity of the country has been so great for a number of years that many persons have come to entertain the belief that periods of depression are things of the past, and that there will be an indefinite era of prosperity.

There is no doubt due much to keep stocks at their present annual prices and to advance them still further.

The year 1907 has even been selected for the arrival of the next one. When hard times come, one industry after another is compelled to cut down its productive capacity.

The Marr paddock adjoined his own, and while holding converse with Billy Boy, sugar or sweet apples, he needed no excuse for likewise holding converse with Miss Helen.

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BILLY BOY, MATCHMAKER

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"Pretty! It is prettier to call her merely pretty," Wheaton said, starting covertly at Helen Marr.

"No," Norris answered with a laughing shake of the head. "Remember, I'm neither artist nor painter, nor even Bohemian—merely a village landlord, whose chief concern is to keep terms with his tenants, and used to seeing pretty girls, even very pretty girls, every day in the week."

"Will you call her pretty, I repeat your case is hopeless," Wheaton persisted. This time he spoke very low, but not so low as to escape Helen's ear.

"The play is done, Helen. I'm going away, straight abroad, never to come back. Won't you let me think of you as Helen Norris?"

"Why think of me at all? Helen began proudly. Billy Boy interrupted her—Billy Boy, who felt he must be in everything.

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upon them unscathed. "Will you take me, Helen?" he went on, heedless of Wheaton's presence.

Wheaton's face was a battlefield. All at once he was discovering that he did not know all of himself.

"This other man saw, too—and was ashamed bitterly by the sight—the love light gleamed in Helen's eyes.

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When the Lawyer Came

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The village of Hillsdale, containing 400 inhabitants, had a grocery, a post-office, a cooper shop, a blacksmith shop and a sawmill, but when any of its people visited other towns they didn't brag of these things.

Uncle Silas had been fathering Hillsdale for twenty years when an event happened. A boom struck the town. Some one sold his house and lot, the cooper got an order for a hundred barrels of pork, and it was discovered that the water of a spring emptying into the mill pond was good for sore eyes.

The lawyer came. He was an object of curiosity for the first two weeks, and then he was an object of something else. To do him justice, he was not pettifogger to set neighbors by the ears.

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