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Hiding Behind the Majority.

The devil came as an individual when he tempted Eve, but nowadays he usually attacks men as a corporation. Take the average business man, for instance; it is safe to assume that he is an honest, conscientious fellow; he would not wrong his grocer or his booback of a penny. But give him the smallest share in a partnership, and he will calmly consent that "the Works" should put China clay in their drillings or sand in their sugar to the cheating of thousands of poorer purchasers, or should even adulterate their drugs to the destruction of human life. Individually, he will go to church to-day and drop his money in the box for foreign missions, with the sincere prayer that it be blessed to the conversion and civilization of some poor heathen; to-morrow, as one of the firm, he will issue orders to his salesmen to get rid of certain unsalable stock to unwary country customers at maximum prices; or he will instruct his new shipping-clerk how to cheat the customs of their usual percentage of the duties. He knows well enough that such teaching to lads and young men beginning a business life infects their life with the dry-rot of corruption; but it is not he, it is "the trade" that does it.

Or, take another man, who is in temperament tender-hearted and sensitive as a woman, who would not look on to see a worm needlessly hurt; yet he belongs to a little sect that triumphantly consigns all the rest of mankind to eternal and inexorable torture because it does not submit to its dictation in certain dogmas; and the idea of this wholesale cruelty does not revolt him at all. If he had lived, too, in the time of the world when his sect had power, he would have approved its use of thumbscrew, fagot and rack to do to death its helpless victims. Remember how many merciful men and gentle women consented to these things in the old time simply because their hideous creed came to them sanctioned by a great majority, a host of their congeners and forefathers. Or take others of our readers of a still higher class, refined and honorable Christians; as commercial men, scholars or clergymen, whatever their domestic life or business relations may be, they are scrupulously careful to fulfil every duty. Yet gigantic frauds, and cruel injustice may be carried on by the political party of which they are nominal members or by the government which they helped to form, and they do not stretch out a finger to reform either. The good man sitting by his chimney-corner shakes his head sadly when he reads of the corruption in his own party, and thanks God that he knows nothing of rings and long since ceased to take any part in politics. He read two years ago of the cold-blooded murder by order of the Government of seventy-five helpless men, women and babies; he reads now of the robbery, the banishment and slow starvation of whole tribes, and it sounds to him like a disagreeable but far-off song. "He has nothing to do with it." Has he nothing to do with it? The decent, honorable citizen who refuses to take part in politics, who passively hands over the control of his city or State to rings or men whom he knows to be knaves and swindlers is just as responsible for its management as they are. The voter, who knows of a blot upon the National honor and a crime like that of slavery, or the slow slaughter of the Indians now going on, and does not protest against it, is personally guilty of it. It is against him, not against an impersonal "country," that the voice of his brother's

blood cries aloud from the ground. It is not in a garden that the Cain of to-day hides from God; It is in majorities. "If," sings Hosea Biglow, "you take a sword and draw it, Go and run a fellow through, Government ain't to answer for it, God'll send the bill to "you."

The habit of throwing responsibility off of your own shoulders on to a party, sect or corporation has increased in modern times. There are very few men who are not guilty of it. We suspect that one reason why women are considered more conscientious and religious than men is because they seldom work in associations or corporate bodies. The routine of their lives makes them personally accountable to God. That the tendency is in them is shown by the fact that they are just as ready to be dishonest provided the victim is a corporation. What woman thinks it wrong to smuggle or cheat the Government? In old times the individual man stood face to face with God; the terrible Presence forever held perpetual reckoning with his soul, though he fled to hide in the uttermost parts of the morning, or made his bed in hell. Now, he is a part of a sect, of society—he is so much a church member, a Republican, an American, that he forgets he is a man with a soul for which no man can answer but himself.

Of one thing he may be certain, that there will come a time when neither his firm nor his church nor his country will be present for him to hide under. Out in that solitude his soul will stand alone with God in judgement, and answer for its own shortcomings.—Tribune.

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Douglas Davidson, admr, vs Jas D Oarbour...issue
Daniel Bensley vs Chas E Nobie...issue
Shortridge & Co vs S J Hickok...asspt
Phenix Life Ins Co vs H A Burbank et al...sci fa
Theo Larrison vs R C Lockwood...trespass
Pa & N Y R R Co vs J D Montanye, et al...eject
S Homan vs L L Moody's adm'r...eject
Seth Doane's adm'r vs C W Doane...trover
D C DeWitt vs Schrader Coal Co...trespass
E T Fox, assignee, vs T F Madill...asspt
Sarah Jordan vs Olive Fox Elliott...issue
William M Keeler vs Barret Keeler...asspt
J P Horton vs Robert Bennett et al...asspt
W W Harris vs A J Layton...asspt
Lois S Wood's use vs A J Layton...trespass
H B Ingham vs same...trespass
D F Barton vs same...trespass
F G Hall's use vs Geo Fivie, et al...issue
B C Hall vs William Brague...appeal
Lyman Blackman, guardian, vs J M Fox...appeal
S Kirby vs H C Carpenter...ejectment
O J Chubbuck vs Wm H Morgan's estate...asspt
Wm R Storrs, assignee, vs Thos R Jordan...asspt
Daniel Bensley vs Stephen Evans, et al...eject

THIRD WEEK.

J Munah, guard, vs P L Ward, et al...eject
E C Sweet, und'x, vs A J Layton...eject
H B Kilborn, admr, vs Hartford Fire Ins Co...eject
Elizabeth Duake vs S H Fansworth...eject
Erad L & B A of Athens vs F A Root...sci fa
Chauncey Wheeler vs J F Woodruff...appeal
Guy C Hollon vs Elhanan Smith...appeal
Wm M Mallory vs James T Clark et al...partition
A Loder vs Elhanan Smith...asspt
J C Binn vs Andrew J Layton...trespass
Jno B Means vs Lyeoming Ins Co...asspt
E T Fox, assignee, vs V E Pollet...asspt
Rose Vincent vs Pa & N Y R R Co...asspt
C A Heavener vs David Hervener's exr...asspt
J B Bradley vs Alonzo Hill et al...ejectment
M Cunningham vs David Whipple...trespass
Daniel Jaggars vs Lewis Biles et al...trespass
Joseph McKinney's use vs Jno M Myer...sci fa
J L Elsbree vs Hugh Clark...trespass
Leonora Heath, et al, vs John Carroll...eject
J W Hollenback vs H B Ingham...eject
Wm H Barnes vs Wm M...trespass
Hiram Horton's use vs Erastus Shepard...sci fa
Same vs same...sci fa
Same vs same...sci fa

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