

CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP

HUMILITY

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When one stands on the top of a hill and looks down into the valley one wonders why the houses look like toys and why the people appear no bigger than ants.

If there is a way by which one can stand outside of the earth, say in a nearby star, and gaze down at the earth, this big earth of ours will appear no bigger than a dot in the sky.

Perhaps no one will even suspect that on the surface of this tiny dot, there are people living, each one deeply convinced that he is the most important thing in the world.

You cannot fail to notice how very few people you meet do not talk of themselves. Every one wants to talk of himself. "He" is the hero of all the stories he tells. There is only one important thing in the whole world, the only thing every one should notice, and that thing is "himself." Do you also like to talk best of yourself?

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There are some, of course, a few who know how small and tiny they are compared to the great mystery around them, and who dislike to talk most of themselves. They know that compared to the whole universe and the whole mighty work of God man is no bigger than a tiny drop of water in a huge ocean. These are the ones who are humble, the ones who readily admit that they know next to nothing.

Do you know these proverbs?

"He who knows that he does not know is wise."

"He who does not know that he does not know is a fool."

Humility is a key that opens the door to wisdom. If you are humble, you need fear no fall because you are already down. It is they who ride on tall horses who break their necks when they fall.

INTERESTING PLACES

FILTRATION WALK

By FORTUNATO ASUNCION

Perhaps you will be surprised to know that there exists in the outskirts of the City, a "filtration walk." This walk is only a narrow winding path that leads up to the storehouse of the Balara Filter Plant in Rizal. At the end of a row of cemented water beds stands a rest hut with thatched cogon roof. A few yards from this is the beginning of a lonely trail. Not far away you can see the "filtration walk"—white and graceful, gently ascending to a building where barrels and barrels of filter powder are stored. Close by are more cemented water beds fenced and covered to protect the water from infection. It is in this place that the drinking water is rendered safe for the people of Manila and neighboring towns.

JOKES

The teacher after explaining how to take care of the hair asked—"How do you take care of your hair?"

A pupil caught unawares—"I brush my hair up and down."

Teacher—"D. L. O. stands for Dead Letter Office."

Pupil—"Sir, do letters die?"

Another pupil—"Of course not, but their owners do. They are kept in the office to be buried with them."

Pacifico giving a puzzle—"This morning a terrible quarrel took place between a man and a woman. Who do you think was defeated?"

Pupil—"The woman."

Pacifico—"No."

Pupil—"Who?"

Pacifico—"My father."