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left to lift his load unheeded and alone; or we throw a beggar a bone to have it advertised as charity or as philanthropy according to the size and succulence of the bone, and yet sordid selfishness is not characteristic of the social order of our generation; and the self centered passengers, laughing and chaffing luxuriously in the human drawn stage coach would be a libel on modern thought and conduct if taken as a generalization.

Generalizing

Nothing so beclouds our thought and so disastrously warps our understanding and our judgments as the devastating habit of generalizing. It has been well said that the Israelites managed to come thru the wilderness only because there were no statisticians along to prove that it couldn't be done. Human nature is ever variable, ever changing and no specimens have yet been found that squared algebraically with the most perfect formula. The typical man, woman, group, race simply does not exist; and therefore, the most dangerous leaders of thought and painters of society are the dogmatists who undertake to lay down rules and deduce general principles from social statistics.

The fact is that among the hardest working members of society today are the very rich men, and those bearing the heaviest, most nerve-racking strain of pulling the coach are people who are not to be riding on top and cracking the whip. True servants and benefactors of humanity are those who regard the great accumulations from their own thrift and foresight as a sacred trust to benefit mankind and who devote that same power of intelligence and efficiency of organization, which in the first place rendered them captains of industry and directors of men, to the foundation and extension of those big philanthropies which permanently bless and enrich the race of men, and