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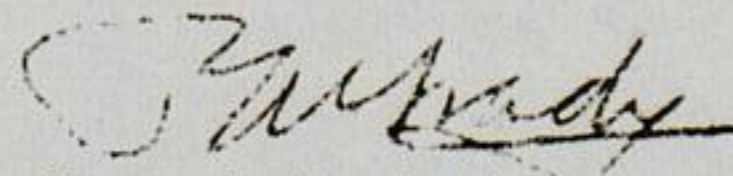
"I PASSED A BLIND MAN" **

I passed a blind man today and, like most others, I passed him. I didn't even drop a penny in his empty cup. His heart was probably empty also. For, when his sight went out, there also went out opportunity, hope, happiness. To him all that remains are memories of the wonderful world that he once knew. Memories that tear at his heart because of the injury that robbed him of his sight, an injury that could have been prevented, an injury that will happen again and again until men whose work endangers their eyes learn to protect them. Eye injuries take a terrible toll.

Do you know that there are eleven manufacturers of glass eyes in the United States alone? They turn out bushels of them - - gray ones, brown ones, blue ones, but you can't see a hole in a ladder through any of them. If your work is such that you may get a serious eye injury, wear your goggles. Ninety per cent of all eye injuries are caused by flying objects. They cost over \$50,000,000 a year. They cause the working man to lose over three and a half million working days, and above all, they cost the loss of precious eye sight which might have been saved.

Do you know that 80% of your actions are guided by your eyes; that 85% of your knowledge comes thru them? How would you like to see black, to grope about in eternal darkness for life? Shut your eyes, shut them tight. Now keep them shut for ten seconds. What do you see? Nothing! That's what a blind man sees and he sees a lot of it. A pretty girl doesn't mean a thing to a blind man. He wouldn't know whether she was black or white. Outside, on a windy day, he might get an eyefull, but it would be nothing but dust.

Men, you cannot buy one good eye with all the money in the world. You should care enough for your eyesight to wear goggles when necessary. Not just any old goggles, but the best ones suited to your eyes and work. You never can tell when your goggles will save your sight, when that sturdy lens will stop a flying particle that might otherwise rob you of nature's most precious gift. If but once in a lifetime you were exposed to the loss of an eye, that time would be of vital importance and then the best is not too good. Remember that a blind man wants nothing but his eyes.



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