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TAKES MANY CHANCES—STORY INSIDE**

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COMPETITION IN ITS VARIOUS PHASES, AND ITS RELATION TO WAR AND HELL

*The War of Selfishness Between Husband and Wife—
Making Children "Mind" and Training a Race
Horse—Competition and War as Against
Organization and Peace.*

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Being opposed to war and hell, I don't take much stock in competition. Sometimes I think we are all slaves to superstition, tradition and precedent; and that we don't trust our own thoughts and impulses so long as we can find out what somebody of authority thought and said long ago.

Somebody once said that competition is the life of trade. I would add to that—and the death of the trader. But because somebody once said that, and it has been printed and repeated many times, most of us believe it.

Yet competition is war, and war is hell. Not because General Sherman said war is hell, but because war is hell.

When there's hell in the family, war started it; and selfishness started the war. If either the husband or wife selfishly wants to be the whole thing and have his or her way—that's hell.

And it's destructive. Every human creature comes into the world with a personality; and others get busy trying to hold that personality down.

Great big grown folks insist on "making children mind," and I imagine that the reason nine men out of ten are cowards is because somebody "made them mind" when they were boys and their personality was asserting itself.

Once when Cresceus was the greatest trotting stallion in the world, I went to George Ketcham's farm to see the Napoleon of stallions. And I asked something about how race horses were trained. I learned that they were carefully trained to bring out the best that was in them and **WITHOUT BREAKING THEIR SPIRIT.**

There's something for men and women to think about when they are raising boys. Education comes from a word that meant to grow, to develop. To educate, then, would mean to bring out, to grow, to develop that which was within. Yet some people seem to think that education is a sort