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## THE GRASS IS MUCH GREENER . . .

Almost every day we hear the exclamation "Gee, he's a lucky fellow, I wish I was as lucky", or "I wish I had that position, I would be able to really go places then".

How often everyone of us gets the temptation to envy the person next door, his or her success on this or that occupation. This is just part and parcel of an inborn discontent in all of us which is necessary for normal progress. Every improvement of any kind reflects discontent with things as they were. Elbert Hubbard in his "Scrapbook" tells us of different types of discontent: "There are two kinds of discontent in this world — the discontent that works and the discontent that wrings its hands. The first gets what it wants, and the second loses what it had".

In striving for greener fields we must be careful not to fall into the second category because it is much safer to brighten your own field by putting greater effort into where you are than to cross the fence and find out the hard way that the reward in life is in direct proportion and relationship to the efforts put into it. This applies even more-so if a change of occupation is concerned where highly skilled work is involved. Shifting camp is usually also associated with considerable expense not visible at the time. Let's remember the old proverb: "A rolling stone gathers no moss".

— W.R.