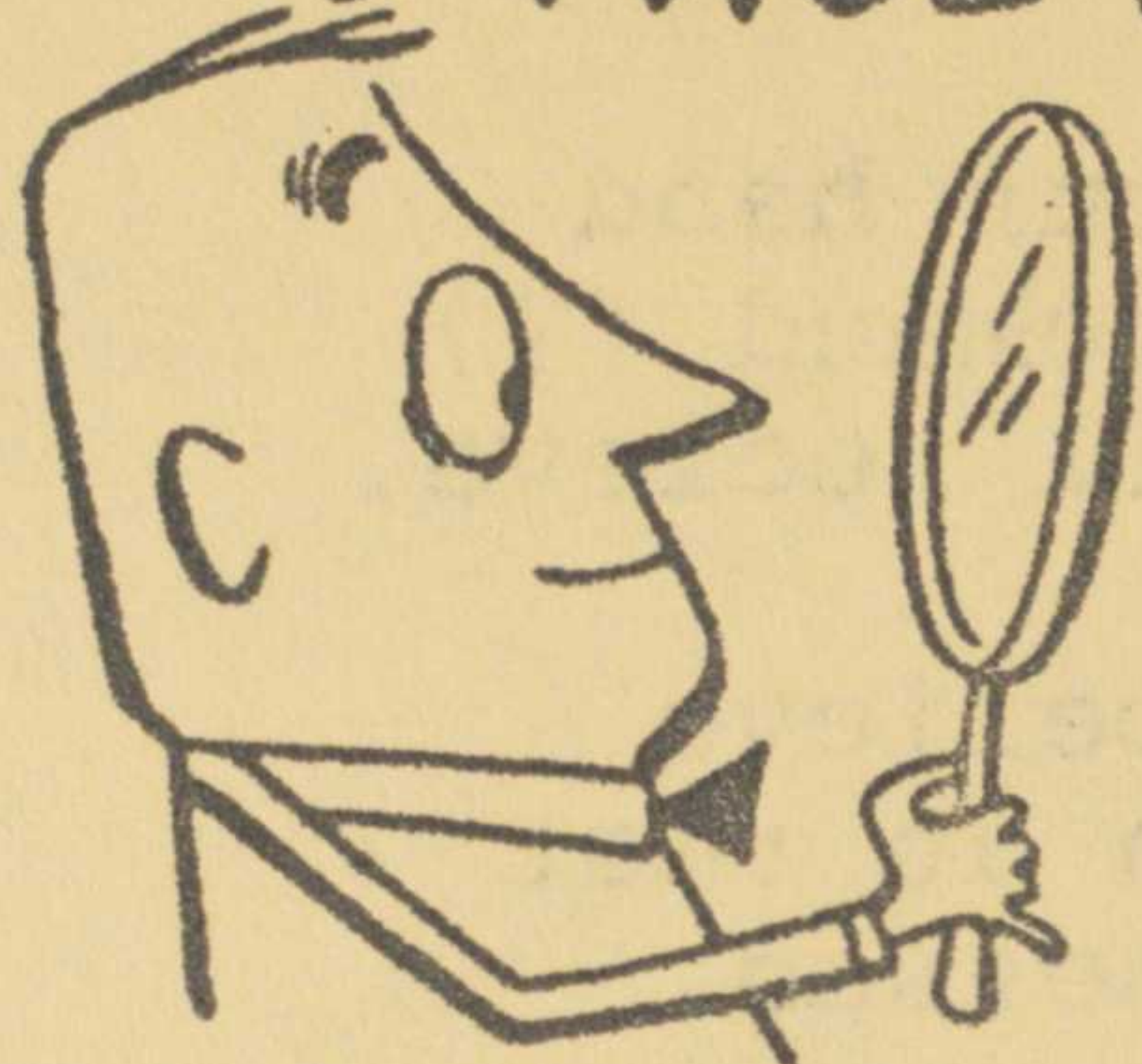


ON PREJUDICE

Prejudice is pre-judgment. It is forming an opinion without examining the facts; it is hastily accepting a conclusion without investigating the evidence upon which it rests; it is allowing ourselves to be hoodwinked and deceived, when the slightest reflection would keep us from such a mistake; it is being satisfied with common opinion, when we should demand the proof; it is rejecting everything at first sight, which does not confirm our former convictions or suit our former tastes or agree with our preconceived ideas; it is a revolt against the unpalatable and distasteful; it is a deep seated reluctance to part with that to which we have been accustomed---a persistent hesitation to accept as true what we have not hitherto believed; a wicked unwillingness to admit that we can be wrong and others right.

LET'S FACE IT!



Prejudice favors or condemns upon the slightest pretext; it recoils or embraces as it is moved by caprice. It is not limited to persons---it has to do with places, and creeds, and parties, and systems: hence its influence is extensive, and its evils manifold.

PREJUDICE DOES NOT HOLD OPINIONS: IT IS HELD BY THEM.

Never try to reason the prejudice out of a man---it was not reasoned into him, and cannot be reasoned out.

Prejudice sees only what it pleases, it cannot see what is plain.

ALL LOOKS YELLOW TO THE JAUNDICED EYE!

The views of prejudice are like plants that grow upon rocks, that stick fast, though they have no rooting. It looks through jaundiced eyes; it listens with itching ears; it speaks in partial and biased accents.

Prejudice clings to that which it should relinquish and relinquishes that to which it should cling.

When beaten it remains defiant; when disproved and vanquished it is sullen and obstinate.

There is nothing too low for its love, or too noble for its hatred; nothing is too sacred for its attacks, or too deserving for its aspersions.

Prejudice is cruel as it is universal, as unjust as it is relentless; as unforgiving as it is conceited and ill-formed.

No person is strong enough to carry a cross and a prejudice at the same time.

A little prejudice goes a long way.