

# Make Sure You Are Not Looking Through **37** a Dirty Window

A lady once complained to a visitor about her neighbor's clothes that were hung on the line to dry. "Look," she said, "there are dirty spots all over those sheets and stains on the clothes. It looks to me like, if she were going to hang her laundry out, she would wash it clean before putting it on the line today." She complained for the longest time.

Finally her visitor walked over and raised the window; and, lo and behold, the sheets and clothes were spotless—not a single stain or dirty circle.

The visitor said, "It's not your neighbor's clothes but your windows that need cleaning."

Bob Jones, Sr., told the story of a man who complained about everything stinking. Finally he said, "The whole world stinks." Then someone discovered that the man had Limburger cheese in his mustache!

The person who is a cynic (critic) and finds something wrong with everything probably has a problem himself. It might be wise to check his own windows or perhaps his mustache.

And once his windows are clean and his mustache free of Limburger cheese, things will look and smell a lot better.

Jesus said, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" (Matt. 7:3). I suppose it's all right to help your brother get the mote out of his eye, but one must make sure that he doesn't have a beam in his own eye while trying to help his brother with the mote, lest he turn his head and knock his brother's brains out <sup>88</sup> with the beam that is in his own eye.