

## THE CRITIC

By Theodore Roosevelt

“It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errors and comes up short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcomings, who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end of the triumph of his high achievement, and who at worst, if he fails, at least he fails by daring greatly, knowing his place shall never be with those timid and cold souls who know neither victory or defeat.”