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The Simple Life

By CHARLES WAGNER

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In its dreams man's ambition em-braces vast limits, but it is rarely giv-en us to achieve great things, and even then a quick and sure success always rests on a groundwork of patient prep-aration. Fidelity in small things is at the base of every great achievement. the base of every great achievement. We too often forget this, and yet no truth needs more to be kept in mind, particularly in the troubled eras of history and in the crises of individual life. In shipwreck a splintered beam, an oar, any scrap of wreckage, saves us. On the tumbling waves of life, when everything seems shuttered to fragments, let us not forget that a single one of these poor bits may become our plank of safety. To despise the remanns is demoralization.

You are a ruined man, or you are stricken by a great bereavement, or,

stricken by a great bereavement, or, again, you see the fruit of toilsome years perish before your eyes. lou years perish before your eyes. I ou cannot rebuild your fortune, raise the dead, recover your lost toll, and in the face of the inevitable your arms drop. Then you neglect to care for your negon, to keep your house, to gulde your son, to keep your house, to gulde your children. All this is pardonable, and how easy to understand! But it is exceedingly dangerous. To fold one's hands and let things take their course is to transform one evil into worse. is to transform one evil into worse. You who think that you have nothing left to lose will by that very thought lose what you have. Gather up the fragments that remain to you and keep them with scrupplous care. In good time this little that is yours will be your consolation. The effort made will come to your relief, as the effort missed will turn against you. If nothing but a branch is left for you to elling to, cling to that branch, and if you stand alone in defense of a losing ca stand alone in defense of a losing cause do not throw down your arms to join the rout. After the deluge a few survivors repeopled the earth. The future sometimes rests in a single life as truly as life sometimes hangs by a thread. For strength go to history and nature. From the long travail of both you will learn that failure and fortune alike may come from the slightest cause, that it is not wise to neglect cause, that it is not wise to neglect

In speaking of simple duty I cannot help thinking of military life and the examples it offers to combatants in this great struggle. He would little under-stand his soldier's duty who, the army

During the disastrous retreat of 1813-14, in the heart of the winter, when it had become almost impossible to pre-sent any sort of appearance, a general, I know not who, one morning presented himself to Napoleon in full dress and freshly shaved. Seeing him thus, in the midst of the general demoraliza-tion, as elaborately attired as if for parade, the emperor said, "My general, you are a brave man!"

Again, the plain duty is the near duty. A very common weakness keeps many people from finding what is near its pairry side. The distant, on the contrary, draws and fascinates them. In this way a fabulous amount of good will is wasted. People burn with ardor for humanity, for the public good, dor for humanity, for the public good, for righting distant wrongs; they walk through life, their eyes fixed on marvelous sights along the horizon, treading meanwhile on the feet of passers-by or jostiling them without being aware of their existence.

In griennwhile on the feet of passers by or josting them without being to humanity through the heart, as the passes and their greatness and to be josting them without being to humanity through the heart, the intelligence and the soul. Then an unknown power takes possession of us, as the wind or the sails of a ship, as the wind or the sails of a ship, as the propole with their fellow gittlens, great or small. Their fellow gittlens, great or small. Their fellow gittlens, great or small. Their fellow gittlens great or small their fellow gittlens, great or small. Their fellow gittlens great or small their fellow gittlens great or small their fellow. The fellow gittlens great or small the wind of the sails of a ship any jeiding to its irresistible impulse. The many jeiding to its irresistible impulse and places have designated a power that is above here the manity, but which may dwell in men's beauty, beauty beauty, beauty,

of your own country, your own city, your own home, your own church, your own workshop; then, if you can, set out from this to go beyond it. That is the plain and natural order, and a man must fortify himself with very bad reasons to arrive at reversing it. At all events, the result of so strange a countryion of the result of so strange a confusion of duties is that many people employ their time in all sorts of affairs except those in which we have a right to de-mand it. Each is occupied with some-thing else than what concerns him, is absent from his post, ignores his trade, This is what complicates life. And it would be so simple for each one to be

about his own matter.

Another form of simple duty. When damage is done who should repair it?
He who did it. This is just, but it is only there and the same that the same only theory, and the consequence of following the theory would be the evil in force until the malefactors were found and had offset it. But suppose they are not found, or suppose cannot or will not make amends?

The rain falls on your head through a hole in the roof or the wind blows in at a broken window. Will you wait to find the man who caused the mis-chief? You would certainly think that absurd. And yet such is often the practice. Children indignantly protest, "I didn't put it there, and I shall not take it away!" And most men reason after the same fashion. It is logic. But it is not the kind of logic that makes the

On the contrary, what we must learn and what life repeats to us daily is that the injury done by one must be renaired by another. One tears down, another builds up; one defaces, another restores; one stirs up quarrels, another appeases them; one makes tears to flow, another wipes them away; one lives for evil doing, another dies for the right. And in the workings of this grievous law lies salvation. This also is logic, but a logic of facts which makes the logic of theories pale. The conclusion of the matter is not doubtful, A single hearted man draws it thus: Given the evil, the great thing is to make it good and to set about it on the spot. Well indeed if Messrs, the Malefactors will contribute to the repuration but experiences. aration, but experience warns us not

to count too much on their aid. But, however simple duty may be there is still need of strength to do it. In what does this strength consist or where is it found? One could scarcely where is it found? One could scarcely tire of asking. Duty is for man an enemy and an intruder so long as it appears as an appeal from without. When it comes in through the door he leaves by the window; when it blocks up the windows he escapes by the roof. The more plainly we see it coming the more surely we fee the library to the control of the leaves to the control of the leaves to the control of the leaves to the le more surely we fee. It is like those police, representatives of public order and official justice, whom an adroit and official justice, whom an adroit thef succeeds in evading. Alas, the officer, though he finally collar the thief, can only conduct him to the station, not along the right road. Before man is able to accomplish his duty he must fall into the hands of another cower than the which see the thick power than that which says, "Do this, do that; shun this, shun that, or else

This is an interior power; it is love.
When a man hates his work or goes about it with indifference all the forces of earth cannot make him follow it with enthusiasm, but he who loves his office moves of himself; not only is it needless to compel him, but it would be impossible to turn him aside. And this is true of everybody. The great thing is to have felt the sanctity and thing is to have felt the sanctity and immortal beauty in our obscure destiny; to have been led by a series of experiences to love this life for its griefs, and its hopes; to love men for their weakness and their greatness and to belong to humanity through the heart, the intelligence and the soul. Then an unknown power takes possession of us, as the wind of the sails of a ship, and bears us toward pity and justice, and

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nothing small, but that our life and our deeds are only of worth because of the spirit which breathes through them.

CHAPTER VI.

HEN we buy a bird of the fancier, the good man tells us briefly what is necessary for our new pensioner, and the whole thing-bygiene, food and the rest—is comprehended in a dozen words. Likewise, to sum up the necessities of most men, a few concise lines would answer. Their regime is in general of supreme simplicity, and so long as they follow it all is well with them, as with every obedient child of Mother Nature. Let them depart from it, complications arise, health falls, gayety vanishes. Only simple and natural living can keep a body in full vigor. Instead of remembering this basic principle we fall into the strangest aberrations. What material things does a man need to live under the best conditions?

A healthful diet, simple clothing, a sanitary dwelling place, air and exercise. I am not going to enter into hygienic details, compose menus or discuss model tenements and dress reform. My aim is to point out a direction and tell what advantage would come to each of us from ordering his life in a spirit does not rule in our society we need but watch the lives of men of all classes. Ask different people of very unlike surroundings this question: What do you need to live? You will see how they respond. Nothing is more instructive. For some ab-A healthful diet, simple clothing, a sanitary dwelling place, air and exeroriginals of the Parisian asphalt there is no life possible outside a region bounced by certain boulevards. There one finds the respirable air, the illiminating light, normal heat, classic cookery, and, in moderation, so many other things without which it would not be worth the while to promenade this

OISTRICT

FLORENCE, -

Mrs. H. G. Webster and children

Mrs. H. G. Webster and children have returned to Chatham, after a week's holidays here.

Mrs. Jas. Johnson has returned after spending the holidays with relatives in Euphemia.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boylan, Cleveland, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Sweet.

The Gunning Club had a New Year's shoot on Monday last.

Chas. Lawrence, of New York, spent Christmas with his parents here. His many friends were pleased to see him looking so well.

The Methodist cantara, "Santa's Surprise," on the 20th ult., was a decided success in every respect, \$30 being realized.

Miss Gilchrist, a former leacher of

being realized.

Miss Glebrist, a former teacher of our village school, spent her holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon.

Messrs. Wright, Bilton and Webster were elected trustees for the police village of Florence.

Mrs. Wills and children, of Rutherford, spent the vacation with Mr. and Mrs. North.

The frageral receives M. M. Mr.

The funeral service of Mrs. Wir The funeral service of ars, who Bilton, Sr., was preached in St. Matthew's Church last Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Armstrong officiating. A large number of friends and relatives attended.

attended.
Messrs. E. and Chas, Webster, of
Harrow. Guy, of Windsor, and Miss
Mary and Ross, of Chatham, spent
Year's at their home here.
The Baptist S. S. gave a very successful free entertainment in their
church last Friday evening. The
scholars did exceedingly well in their
songs and recitations. Santa Claus
was present and distributed his
gifts.

Mr. McMullen, of London, is vis-iting his son, the Rev. Mr. McMul-

len.

The merchants here all did splen-The merchants here all did splendid Christmas basiness.
Dr. Kelly, William Bilton, John Elliott and James McKenzie, of this place, attended the shooting match at Brigden on Thursday last and carried away with them a large number of pigeons.
A number of young people from here attended the party given by the young bachelors of Dresden.
Miss Jennie Sangster spent Christmas with her brother James, in London.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Doyle, of Lambeth,

were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs.
T. H. Cragg. /
Will Drew is laid up with a severe
cold.
Mrs. C. J. Craig, of Detroit, paid a
visit to her father, Mr. I. Unsworth,
here, recently.

here, recently.

Mr. Peters, blacksmith, spent New Year's with his family at Dresden. He intends moving his family here in the near future.

Miss Miller, Pt. Huron, visited her hereber, L. P. Miller.

put in an appearance. Perhaps the magnificent reception to Mr. Mont-gomery was an explanation, Messrs, Montgomery and Hanna were present and addressed the electors. The feeling at the meeting presaged a magnificent victory for the popular Conservative candidate. Several of our prominent Liberals spoke out in denunciation of Ross methods.

FLETCHER.

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W. A. Shadd, one of the members of the School Board, made an excellent chairman.

A good program, consisting of addresses, songs, dialogues and recitations, was well rendered, after which Santa Claus distributed from a Christmas wheel, gifts to the pupils.

At the conclusion of the program Master Roscoe Tinn read an address to Miss Bagnell and Miss Ida Vince, on behalf of the school, presented her with a beautiful toilet case and a handsome gold brooch set with pearls.

handsome gold brooch set with pearls.

Miss Bagnell, in reply, briefly thanked her pupils for these tokens of regard and expressed her gratitude to the parents and friends who had kindly assisted her, and so highly esteemed her work during the five years she had been teaching in No. 4, S. S., Raleigh. The address read as follows:—

S. S., Raleigh. The address read as follows:

Miss Bagnell, Fletcher:

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The exacert held in the Methodist church Thursday evening was a grand success. The program was very entertaining, consisting of read-ings, recitations, solos, tableaus, dia-logues, etc. The proceeds were about

Roy Clancy, our little book-keeper, had a very narrow escape the other

day.

Rev. Charles McKenzie, of Dawn, Rev. Charles McKenzie, of Dawn, spent Christmas at home.

Len Lewis is spending his Christmas holidays over on the 13th.

A. Peck has just returned from Detroit.

Detroit.
Miss Clara Ross spent Christmas week as a guest of M ss Sarah Burke.
Miss Etnel McDowell has returned home to spend the cold winter season.
Ed. Burke has his house nearly

completed.

The Young Men's Liberal-Conserva-tive Association is getting into shape to help do the Provincial Housedean-

ing.
Jack Courtney and Ben, Ray, our two sailor boys, have just returned to the Bay after sailing the great lakes all summer.
Miss Ethel McDowell has returned home to speud her Christmas vacation.

tion.

Rev. Mr. Haylock, of Leamington, preached in the Methodist church last Sunday at 3 g. m. The service was very largely attended.

A bad accident happened to Alex. Peterkin, on his way from town on Saturday when the rough roads and rand driving took a wheel off his bacov.

buggy.

Miss Sarah Peterkin has returned home, after spending the summer season on St. Anne's Island.

George Dewar has gone on a business trip to Toronto.

Iceboating is elegant on the bay.

George Hardy, one of Caigary's policemen, is spending a few days with his friends and relations at the Ray.

BALDOON.

Mr. Hugh Allen was elected school rustee on Wednesday last. We are assured that he will fill the office Mrs. William Rankin gave a sump

Mrs. William Rankin gave a sumptuous Christmas dinuer to her many frieads on Monday last.

Several from this community attended the funeral of the late Geo. Wemp, of Chatnam, on Sunday last.

The Ladies' Aid of Mitchell's Bay remembered their pastor, Rev. A. J. Brown and wife on Christmas by presenting them with a very valuable Christmas box.

Mr. Robert Stokes and wife, of Ridgetown, apent Christmas holidays among friends in our midst. They will remain until after the golden wedding of Mr. Dunlog of Duver Centre.

tre.
We are pleased to know that Mrs.
William Jackson is improving in
health,

Several from here attended the S. Several from here attended the S. Sentertainment at Mitchell's Bay on Thursday evening. The program was well rendered and highly appreciated , Rev. A J. Brown acted as

chairman,

Mr. Edwin Owen who met with a misfortune about a month ago is rapidly improving.

Mr. Tiffin, our blacksmith, is doing a rashing business. Jake has a host of friends, and he does his work well.

Mrs. Gould, of Chatham, is visiting Mrs. Thomas Rankin.

Miss Haylock, of Leamington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Glover, A good fem, erance sermon was greached in Grace church on Sunday morning.

norning.

CROTON. Conservatives here claim a sweep-stake vote for the popular candidate Mr. Phil Bowyer. Reformers as well as Conservatives are joining hands for the independent and out spoken candidate, Mr. Bowyer, and never were the people so aroused for a Pro-vincial house-cleaning. Just watch Camden this time. No road too long or hour too late to help the popular candidate.

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