

ON TIME.

One day I heard a lady talking about how hurried people were in a certain big city. "I always say," she remarked, "that there is less time in C— than in any other place I know of, and I believe the reason is that we have to wait so for everybody and everything." Of course we know that there is just as much time in one place as in another, and that if we don't "have time," as we say, it is because we do not manage just right ourselves, or because somebody takes our time away from us.

Do you ask how anybody can do that? It is as easy as easy can be. "Anybody" does it by not being quite on time himself, so that we have to wait for him a few minutes here, a quarter of an hour there; and the few minutes count up into a good many minutes, taken right away from us. We know that it is dishonest and wrong to take money, or anything else we can see, that belongs to other people, but very often we take their time, without ever stopping to think that it may be worth a great deal to them.

We are never too young to learn to be on time, at meals, at day school and Sunday-school, or anywhere that we are expected at a certain time. And the sooner we learn to be prompt, the better and easier it will be for us as we grow up to be men and women with our work to do in the world.

HAPPY JOHNNY.

"Happy Johnny" is the lad who helps Mr. Stewart, the bean-man, to gather in his beans. Every fall Johnny goes out to the suburbs, and there he stays till the beans are saved. Then Mr. Stewart pays him and John returns rejoicing.

The first season John returned, bringing his dollars with him, we noticed that he had a new word or phrase to use when he would caution any: "Don't yank!" Precisely what John meant by this, or how he came by it himself, we did not know till long afterward, when Johnny told us.

"I was new to the business of pulling beans when Mr. Stewart asked me, with his fingers, to come out and help," said John. "It was summer time. He said that if I would help him half a day, and helped him as he liked, that he would pay me well and give me steady

work in gathering dry beans every fall. Work I wanted, and so I went and helped.

"The job we had was getting in, and ready for the market, several bushels of beans—string. The vines were crisp and tender. Mr. Stewart let me go ahead, like I was master and he the helper. I rushed in. The first string bean I grabbed, I pulled up stalk and all, and I knew that wouldn't do.

"Mr. Stewart knew so, too. In that nice, taking way of his, he put the stalks one side, and then he showed me, in just two minutes, how I'd have to do. He took hold gently on the bean stalk near the top, and lifting up the little string beans, one by one he snipped them off and dropped them into boxes. Then I saw that the vines were left to go on bearing more and better, instead of being killed. That's how I came to have a liking for Mr. Stewart; and that's how he came to like me, for he does!

"And I never see anyone grabbing and pulling up things by their roots, afore root-pulling time, but what I think of Mr. Stewart and how he handled me. 'Don't yank,' he seemed to say; and minding him has made a better boy of me."

WHAT A BOY CAN DO.

These are some things a Christian boy can do who wants to work for Jesus:

- Be frank.
- Be polite.
- Be prompt.
- Be obliging.
- Obey his parents.
- Keep himself tidy.
- Refuse to do wrong.
- Never use profanity.
- Never learn to smoke.
- Be useful about home.
- Keep out of bad company.
- Never laugh at a coarse joke.
- Learn his lessons thoroughly.
- Never make unnecessary noise.
- Never be disrespectful to old age.
- Be kind to his brothers and sisters.

Take the part of those who are ill-used.

Never make fun of another because he is poor.

Fail, if he cannot pass his examination honestly.

Never tell or listen to a story he would not repeat to his mother

Try to lead his companions to Jesus by speaking a little word for Him when he can.

Surely the opportunities are thick on every side for a Christian boy to do Christian work.

ANIMALS WHICH NEVER DRINK.

There are some animals which never drink; for instance the lamas of Patagonia and certain gazelles of the far East. A number of snakes, lizards and other reptiles live in places devoid of water. A bat of Western America inhabits waterless plains. In parts of Lozere, France, there are herds of cows and goats which hardly ever drink, and yet produce the milk for Roquefort cheese.

God wheels the planets along their courses with one hand, and with the other he "numbers the hairs of our heads."

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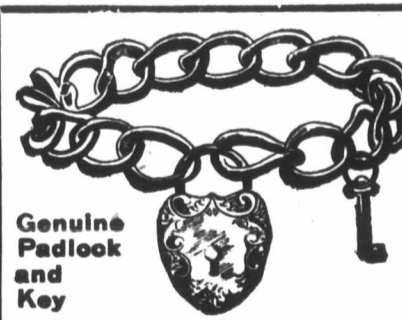
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