

The Man Whose Watchword's Wait.

"Great deeds," said Uncle Hiram, "I've observed, 'tween me an' you, fer every man that does'em there are ten agoin' to do;

There's lots o' men can sit aroun' an' entertain a crowd

With how they're goin' t' plant a field they've likely never plowed;

Bill Jones was such a feller, an' I used t' hear him tell

Of a scheme he had fer killin' weeds that sounded mighty well;

Machinery could do the work—a man need never sweat,—

But I find that William has n't set the world afire yet.

"When Simpson's boy from college came, the family prophesied,

Within a year or two, the world would view him open-eyed,

And marvel at the wonders of improvement he'd advance

To scientific methods if he had but half a chance. He stayed around the town awhile an' worked

quite hard, I jinks,

At poundin' little rubber balls o'er what he called 'the links,'

We've scientific problems still that makes professors fret,

But I note young Simpson has n't set the world afire yet!

"An' so," said Uncle Hiram, "future action does not count

Toward betterin' of our present state to any 'great amount;

A million 'goin'-t'-do-its' would n't balance one 'has-done,'

An' a pound of 'right-this-minute' 's worth 'to-morrow's,' half-a-ton.

I've noticed in my lifetime scores of fellers, sad to state,

Who'd have prospered if they had n't for their watchword taken 'Wait!'

Fellers sure to do great wonders ere the next day's sun had set,—

But I've noticed none of them has set the world afire yet!"

—Roy Farrell Greene.

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