

honorable. But the man is not poor who can pay his way and save something besides. He who pays cash for all that he purchases is not poor, but well off. He is in a happier condition than the idle gentleman who runs into debt, and is clothed, shod and fed at the expense of his tailor, shoemaker and butcher.

THE POOR BOYS WHO HAVE RISEN.

1. **The March of Fortune.**—Many men have been obscure in their origin and birth, but great and glorious in life and death. They have been born and nurtured in villages, but have reigned and triumphed in cities. They were first laid in the mangers of poverty and obscurity, but afterwards became possessors of thrones and palaces. Their fame is like the pinnacle which ascends higher and higher, until at last it becomes a most conspicuous and towering object of attraction.

2. **Noted Examples.**—Franklin was the son of a tallow-chandler and soap boiler. Daniel Defoe, hostler and son of a butcher. Whitfield the son of an inn-keeper. Shakespeare was the son of a wood stapler. Milton was the son of a money scrivener. Robert Burns was a plowman in Ayrshire. Mohammed, called the prophet, a driver of asses. Madame Bernadotte was a washer-woman of Paris. Napoleon was of an obscure family of Corsica. John Jacob Astor once sold apples on the streets of New York. Catherine, Empress of Russia, was a camp-grisette. Elihu Burritt was a blacksmith. Abraham Lincoln was a rail splitter. Gen. Grant was a tanner.

3. **George Peabody.**—A long time ago, a little boy twelve years old, on his road to Vermont, stopped at a country tavern, and paid for his lodging and breakfast by sawing wood, instead of asking for it as a gift. Fifty years later, the same boy passed that same little inn as George Peabody, the banker, whose name is the synonym of magnificent charities—the honored of two hemispheres. He was born poor in Danvers, Massachusetts, and by beginning right and pursuing a course of strict honesty, integrity, industry, activity and Christian benevolence, he was able to amass great wealth.

4. **Cornelius Vanderbilt.**—When Cornelius Vanderbilt was a young man, his mother gave him fifty dollars of her savings to buy a small sail boat, and he engaged in the