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### What Lord Cromer Did

The following is an essay on Egypt by an eleven-year-old Blackburn school girl: "Pharaoh was noted for making bricks, and he had his name stamped on every brick. He was an extravagant ruler, and in 1878 he brought the country into debt and oppressed the people, and they had to work for nothing. He was very cruel. England then sent Lord Cromer, and he has ruled Egypt wisely and well. To-day it is a wealthy country."

### "Take Heed!"

How many lads know the fact that in olden days "Take heed!" was the military word used instead of "Attention!" "Take heed to your exercise, musketeer," was Marlborough's word of command, in place of the modern "Attention, company!" To take heed in the battle of life is indeed a necessary thing, and being heedless is not only foolish, but extremely dangerous. "I hears, but I takes no heed!" was the saucy answer of a colored boy to his teacher once. It is needless to say that he did not turn out a Booker T. Washington, but a worthless failure instead. The spirit of his answer is found in many foolish boyish hearts to-day. It is always a spirit that works its own harm—*Selected.*

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Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, the well-known American millionaire, at a recent diocesan convention, amused a group of clergymen with a story of a minister.

"He was as ignorant as a minister of financial matters," said Mr. Morgan, "as the average financier is ignorant of matters ecclesiastical. He once received a check—the first he had ever got in his life—and took it to a bank for payment.

"But you must endorse the cheque," said the clerk, returning it over the counter.

"Endorse it?" said the old minister, in puzzled tone.

"Yes, of course. It must be endorsed on the back."

"I see," said the minister. And, turning the cheque over, he wrote across the back of it:

"I heartily endorse this cheque."

A young man home from college, wishing to inspire his little sister with awe for his learning, pointed to a star, and solemnly said:

"Sis, do you see that bright little luminary?" It's bigger than this whole world."

"No 'tain't," said Sis.

"Yes, it is," declared the young collegian.

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