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How to Determine Easter.

Do you know how to determine the date of Easter? It always comes on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the equinox. The equinox is March 21st, and the first full moon after that date is on April 19th. The following Sunday is the 23rd.

Hard Knocks.

Did you ever get any hard knocks? Not the kind that hurt physically. Most of us had plenty of them when we were children. We refer to disappointments, troubles, sorrows, and the other disagreeable things of life. Of course you have had them. They come to all of us and every year brings its share.

Sometimes we do not understand these things. We rebel against them. They seem unbearable. It seems as though the whole world is against us, and we become discouraged. We wonder if things ever will begin to look bright again.

Of course they will. Troubles cannot last always. They help us to appreciate the pleasant things of life. They spur us on to greater efforts and they keep us from becoming too proud and haughty. It is well that they come sometimes, for without them, we would imagine ourselves to be all powerful.

Troubles direct our thoughts along new lines. They keep us awake to the fact that we are only small parts of a mighty universe. If everything always ran along smoothly we might come to think we were running things ourselves.

No man ever made a mistake by being modest and humble. The proud and arrogant people are the ones who make mistakes. Often a proud man's spirit is broken by some great trouble, and he finds in after years that it was the best thing that could have happened to him.

The "hard knocks" may be for the best after all. Try to look on the bright side of things anyhow. Do

your best and things will come out alright in the end. We do not know what the future has in store, but we know that we can keep on doing the right thing, no matter what happens.

The rebuffs and the stings of life have their purpose. They keep us going. They do not let us sit still and do nothing. They inspire us to harder and better work. Let us not be discouraged by the rough places

New Use for Wireless Telegraphy.

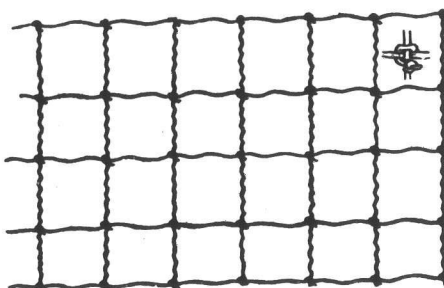
It is given out that Commander Peary is to make another trip to the far North and that he will carry with him a set of wireless instruments and maintain communication between his party and Labrador. If this be carried out Arctic exploration will be revolutionized in several important respects, as hitherto the explorers have not been able to describe their successes or failures until they have returned or arranged for supplies and relief at any time subsequent to their departure. It is stated that Commander Peary will establish intermediate stations between his northern base and Labrador, thus enabling him to keep in touch with civilization. It is to be hoped that a thorough test will be made of wireless telegraphy for this purpose. Furthermore, the operation of wireless telegraphy over large extents of ice would be watched with interest, and constant news from the exploring party would arouse much greater general interest in geographical discovery in the Arctic regions.

Encourage School Gardens.

In some of the cities of the United States attempts are being made to provide the public schools with gardens. Also to keep the school yards open from sunrise to sunset every week-day, including Saturdays. These gardens are not what are usually known along this line; that is, places where vegetables, etc., are grown for profit, but what are termed "school gardens." The idea is to furnish a good place for the children to play, and not only to play, but to show them how to attend

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to a small garden; to teach the children to raise potatoes, peas, corn, onions, etc., and give them seeds and tools to cultivate these plants and then afterwards to demonstrate to them their usage, their origin, and geographical distinction. New York has had a few of them as a private enterprise, but Philadelphia is taking hold of them as public affairs. The idea is certainly a commendable one, and something along this line could be carried out to advantage in all rural schools. To cultivate the body at the same time the mind is being cultivated in such a way as to invigorate the body and interest the mind, is the ideal of true education. If no more than a small flower garden or the planting of a few shade trees is undertaken it will prove of decided advantage. In addition to the child receiving a practical demonstration, the beauty of the school property will be enhanced.

Keep Going.

Young man, keep going. When one task is finished, jump into another. Keep going.

Don't hesitate; don't falter; don't waver; don't wait. Keep going.

Doing something is always better than doing nothing. Keep going.

Activity breeds ambition, energy, progress, power. Keep going.

Inactivity breeds idleness, laziness, shiftlessness, sloth. Keep going.

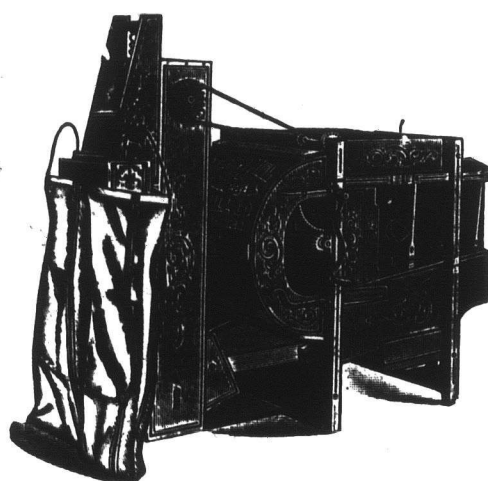
Don't dwell in the hope that inspiration will strike you. Keep going.

Inspiration is more likely to strike a busy man than an idle one. Keep going.

Save the half hours that are wasted in waiting. Keep going.

All the time, keep going.

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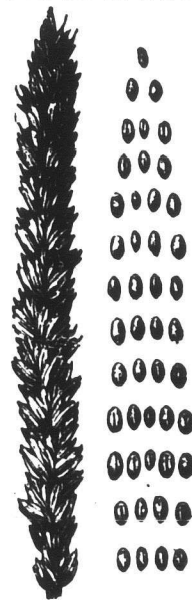
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