

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Learn to Appreciate. Fault finding is much easier than generous appreciation. To find fault you have only to stand off and point out wherein the person or action or thing falls to come up to your ideal.

A Blind Hymn Writer. The oldest and best known hymn writer now living is a blind woman, Fanny Crosby of Park Avenue, this city. Her hymns, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," "Rescue the Perishing," "Saviour, More Than Life to Me" and "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" are known and sung where ever the English language is spoken.

What to With a Bad Temper. Starve it. Give it nothing to feed on. When something tempts you to grow angry, do not yield to the temptation. It may for a moment or two be difficult to control yourself; but try it. Force yourself to do nothing, to say nothing, and the rising temper will be obliged to go down because it has nothing to hold it up.

The Girl That Everybody Likes. Have you ever met the girl that everybody likes. You are unfortunate if you have not met her. She is the girl, says a writer in Golden Days, who is not "too bright and good" to be able to find joy and pleasure all over the world.

Is it a Pleasure to do Nothing? A clever French boy, afterwards a celebrated barrister, was in his school days both lazy and indolent. The masters were all in despair, and the cause was laid before the superior.

On Forming Habits. How greatly the future of every child depends upon the habits it forms when young! Habits, whether good or bad, are more easily formed than they are got rid of. A single evil habit has before now utterly marred a man's life, and brought misery not to himself alone, but to many besides.

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The Adopted Tramp-Cat.

A few months ago a strange cat strolled into the house of a Kentucky farmer, and sat blinking at the entrance, as if to say: "I've concluded to come and live with you."

One day Lizzie went into the garden to play among the flowers, and the cat took up her position about six feet girl away. After a while the little rose to depart, when, to her surprise and dismay, she saw an ugly, poisonous snake, about three feet long, behind her, coiled up and ready to strike.

The farmer now says he is glad the "tramp-cat" stayed; and ever since her brave encounter with the snake, pussy gets an extra saucer of milk from the hand of her little friend Lizzie.

Told By Dr. Holmes. Surely even the youngest of our readers must have heard of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, who wrote the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," the "One Hoss Shay," and much beside, and was one of the most famous and genial men of letters that ever honored America.

One of the most delightful anecdotes out of the large number which he had at his command concerned a visit paid to a Massachusetts city where he delivered a lecture. The next day the gentleman with whom he was staying took him for a drive about the city, and as they passed a certain store the Doctor remarked: "Why, I declare the name on that sign looks familiar! I used to go to school with a boy of that name. Let us stop and see if he remembers me."

The host, nothing loath, stopped his horse, and with his distinguished guest entered the place of business. "Let me introduce you to Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes," said the entertainer of that famous author.

"Were you a pupil of Phillips Anderson in 1825, my dear sir?" he asked the merchant.

"I was," answered the other. "And do you not remember a lad there called Oliver Holmes?"

"Well, now you speak of it, I believe I do. Little chap, wasn't he?"

"Yes, and I am that little chap."

"Is that so?" asked the merchant in a tone which indicated that the fact did not particularly interest him.

"I suppose," said Dr. Holmes, "that you didn't take a college course after leaving the Academy?"

"No, I went into the hardware business, and I've made considerable money. What have you been doing?"

"Practising medicine in Boston."

"Well, now! Strange, isn't it, that I never heard of you? I go to Boston every now and then, and know several doctors there."

"I've had to lecture at the Harvard Medical College, too, and have not had very much time to practice of late years."

"That probably accounts for it," said the successful hardware dealer. And so it appears, adds the exchange from which we have this story. Dr. Holmes, physician, scientist, litterateur, poet, and wit, was evidently of small account to his whilom schoolmate.

that when this boy was asked a question, he always fumbled with a certain button on his waistcoat. Watching an opportunity he slyly cut this button off.

When next a question came to the head of the class the boy's fingers, as usual, sought the button. It was gone! He looked down in confusion, and seemed to lose his self possession, and in a moment Scott had gained the coveted place.

Nor are human beings alone the creatures of habit. We must all have noticed how soon animals acquire their habits.

A gentleman at the head of a firm had occasion to take, in the horse and trap, a round usually made by his traveller. It then found out the temperate habits of his servant by noticing that the horse tried to stop at nearly all the public houses.

Indeed, horses would seem to be very quick at acquiring any habit, and very tenacious of them.

During the American war a battle took place near a field in which a number discharging cavalry horses were inclosed. After listening to the firing for some time, and showing signs of great excitement, they suddenly formed up in lines, charged a number of mules and put them to flight, killing two. They did not cease charging in one direction and another until the firing was over.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Press on! If Fortune play thee false To day, to-morrow shall be true; Whom now she sinks, she now exalts, Taking old gifts and granting new. The wisdom of the present hour. Makes up for follies past and gone; To weakness strength succeeds, and power From frailty springs—press on! press on! —Park Benjamin:—Ambition.

The Best Harvest. Manhood is a better measure of success than money.

Reputation. We cannot avoid having a reputation; it is for us to decide what sort of a reputation it shall be.

In the Country at Break of Day. A new world opens to the city man who gets out in the country by day break on his wheel or on foot. The crisp freshness of the morning and the wonderful song of birds at that time are things to marvel at. He will think that he never heard birds sing before.

Ridicule is the Devil's Weapon. A young man is sooner laughed out of his Christian purposes than licked out of them. The taunt of "Mother's apron strings!" and "Going to be good, are you?" smarts more than blows. The strength of a friend's brother mightily brace a young Christian even if he be six feet tall and whiskered.

The Men Who Succeed. The great majority of men that fall do not fail for want of brains. Most people have more brains than they know what to do with. But the men who have won the grandest laurels are not usually the men of splendid natural ability. But they set their feet and planted their teeth and moved straight forward girded and guided by a great purpose. A man will achieve something if he has a single purpose, if in his breast some master passion sweeps all the rest. Men dissipate and waste their powers. There is scarcely any limit to the possibilities of men whose abilities are converged on the one local point.

Education Elevates.

Dr. White, President of the University of Southern California, says: "I am often humiliated when I hear education spoken of and urged from mere mercenary motives. Education does not command the highest commercial value—yet looking at it from the highest standpoint, it is invaluable. If a man spends an hour a day for three hundred days, in reading, at the end of that time he has read thirty volumes of three hundred pages each, which is in itself quite a library. Elihu Burritt mastered eighteen languages and twenty-two dialects between the ages of forty and sixty years. This was done by study in the evenings, after having worked all day at the blacksmith's forge. The greatest star discoverer of our day is a man in Chicago, who has spent his days as a court reporter, but his nights as a student of the heavens. The man who loves knowledge and who desires to broaden himself will find some opportunity for self-improvement."

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"I cannot imagine any more unfair or meaner thing than for a man to get his sins pardoned at the last minute, and then go to heaven and live in a mansion, and go riding about in a golden chariot over the golden streets, while his wife and children, whom he might have provided for, are begging for cold victuals at the basement door of an earthly city."

"It seems to me there ought to be a poorhouse somewhere on the outskirts of heaven, where those guilty of such improvidence should be kept on thin soup and gristle, instead of sitting down at the King's banquet."

Many a man who believed that he had a long life before him, has been carried off in the flash of his strong manhood, and on his dying bed has regretted that he had no provision made

for the support of his wife and children. Don't have death-bed regrets—insure your life now.

Hard Work.

Boys, do not shun hard work. Go at it, rejoice in it. It is a blessing to you. And understand us. By real hard work we do not mean study, or sticking closely to keeping books, keeping store or teaching school, or any of the professional pursuits. These are all honorable and when followed closely exhaust the nervous energy and make men tired too. But by hard work we mean work that requires a great deal of muscular force, such as chopping, rolling logs, quarrying rock, doing carpenter work, laying brick, carrying the hod, and working in the forges, furnaces, rolling mills, mines and car shops. This kind of work develops muscular strength, the power of physical endurance, grit, courage and good health.

Said an old man, now up in the eighties, to me a year ago, "When I was fifteen years old I was a weak, spindly kind of a boy, and went into a blacksmith shop, learned the trade, worked at it eighteen years, and forged out a constitution worth a million dollars." He has ever since been a healthy, vigorous man, and old as he is, still walks the streets, pert, cheerful and straight as an Indian's arrow.

Hard work is good medicine for boys, and especially for young men.

Hand Work as Respectable as Head Work.

The heartfelt tone of this statement made by the editor of the Burlington Hawkeye is worth a young man's notice who is at the choosing place in life: "The trouble with most young men is that they do not understand the dignity of manual labor. They do not realize that honors and fortune may be more readily realized outside of the so-called learned professions than in them, and that it is just as honorable to swing the hammer or to hold a plow as it is to make a speech in court or amputate a limb. The lesson young men should be taught as early as possible is that it is not so much what a man does for a living as it is how well he does it, and that manual labor is as honorable as any other."

Stray Chips of Thought.

The ideal wife seldom becomes a real one.

A good husband is sometimes spoiled in the making.

Few people count the cost until they have paid it.

To some men a bad reputation is better than none.

Ian Maclaren says that every man who will not work should be compelled to do so at the point of the bayonet.

We all have some ability. The smallness or largeness of our ability is not the question which should at all trouble us, but rather our obligation to use rightly and steadily the ability we have. Do not forget this truth.

The motive which should inspire our philanthropic work, and, indeed, all the activity of our lives, is the desire for service. That desire must be strong enough to conquer our indolence, our vanity, our love of ease and pleasure, our self-satisfaction.

Neither rich furniture nor abundance of gold, nor a descent from an illustrious family, nor a greatness of authority, nor eloquence and all the charms of speaking, can produce so great a serenity of life as a mind freed from guilt, kept untainted, not only from actions, but purposes that are wicked.

Labor, Thought and Thrift.

In a recent address before a promiscuous institution of learning one of its alumni spoke words of soberness and wisdom which cannot be too strongly enforced.

"No condition of society, no scheme of government, will ever do away with the eternal necessities, labor, thought and thrift. No plan will ever reverse the decree 'In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread.' No rule of human conduct will ever improve upon the Divine injunction, 'Dad justly, love mercy and walk humbly before thy God.' Until the old earth shall become a cinder or a sphere of ice, the ancient wise man's observation will be true, 'See ye a man diligent in business, he shall stand before kings.'" And with great force and plainness the speaker added: "Whoever teaches the reverse is not only an enemy of our government, but an enemy of all government, an enemy of society, and a menace to human happiness. Whoever hopes to dispense with labor, thought and thrift, the eternal necessities of human life, hopes the hope of the infant who, babbling, reaches for the moon."

It could not be better said: "Labor thought and thrift" are the three graces in whose hands are the certainty of honorable success and competence. D-pending on these, with these the guide of his business life and habit, the young man will not make a shipwreck of himself, but will contribute to the peace and good order of society, and to the general welfare.

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"AWAY FROM ROME"

The honest Protestants on the Continent make little of the alleged movement, "Los von Rome!" (away from Rome) in Austria: nor does it greatly worry the Catholics. A prominent Protestant clergyman of Austria, writing in the Christliche Welt, expresses himself very fairly on the matter. We quote from the translation of the Literary Digest:

The cause and occasion of the whole agitation is purely political, and is recognized on all hands as such. The end in view is to prevent the Slav element from getting control of the Church, and the clericals from getting absolute dominion over the schools. This end will not be attained. The very fact that the question has been transferred from the political sphere, where it belongs, to the religious, where it does not, will insure the failure of the movement. This agitation has many points of similarity with the German Catholic and the free religious movements in Germany about fifty years ago in which the liberal element in the Church sought neutral ground for its operations; but these two were a failure.

In Austria the present movement has no support among the real leaders in the Church. The Catholic clergy, the nobility, the educated men, the organized labor societies, the women, have nothing to do with it. It is entirely in the hands of certain liberal sections, who for political reasons are antagonizing the prelates and policy of the Church. Church history teaches that agitations of this kind end disastrously: the masses will not leave the Church and convictions of their birth. A careful observer, studying the movement in the light of history and of facts, can reach no other conclusion than the conviction that the number of conversions from the Roman Catholic Church, under the spell of the cry "Los von Rome!" will be few and far between. A few thousands will be the highest figure to be expected, and we do not hesitate to say that this is a piece of good fortune for the Protestant Church. No permanent good results can be expected from this new propaganda.

All of which reminds us not a little of Dean Swift's disparaging remarks on the weeds thrown out of the Pope's Garden.—Boston Pilot.

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