

Oh, War! thou hast thy fierce delight,
 Thy gleams of joy, intensely bright!
 Such gleams, as from thy polish'd shield
 Fly dazzling o'er the battle-field!
 Such transports wake, severe and high.
 Amid the pealing conquest-cry;
 Scarce less, when, after battle lost,
 Muster the remnants of a host,
 And as each comrade's name they tell,
 Who in the well-fought conflict fell,
 Knitting stern brow o'er flashing eye,
 Vow to avenge them or to die!—
 Warriors!—and where are warriors found,
 If not on martial Britain's ground?

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Fourteen millions of dollars have already been paid by the Endowment Rank, to widowed families of the Order. How many of the general membership realise this, and understand the good that the Insurance Department has done for the Order, and the load that it has taken off the subordinate lodges? They should think of this, and give to the Endowment Rank their heartiest support and encouragement.

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FAIR WORDS FOR BIG EARS.

A Kansas City judge, after studying the features of a boy who was before him the other day on a charge of assaulting another boy, said:

"I like to see a boy with big ears, and I am inclined to give you a chance on account of your big wouth and generous ears. A man with little ears like a fox's or a squirrel's won't always do. He needs watching."

Then he gave the boy some good advice and permitted him to go.

The theory that a big nose is necessary for human greatness has long been accepted by people who are interested in the study of physiognomy, but this Missouri judge seems to have said the first good word for big ears. Yet it is only necessary to look at the portraits of the world's greatest men for proof of the soundness of his doctrine. Caesar had big ears, Cromwell had big ears, Napoleon had big ears—so big that when he was a young man he tried to hide them by letting his hair hang over them; Washington had big ears; Lincoln had big ears, and Grant had big ears.

So there is no reason why the boy with big ears should be ashamed of them; yet it will not be safe for anyone, however large his ears may be, to conclude that they alone will make him great. We have but to study the mule and some big-eared people that all of us know to be convinced of this.

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The cost of insurance in the Endowment Rank does not change with age—the rate at which each member begins remains the same to the end, and there are no special assessments. The reason for this is that the rates of monthly payments have been so regulated as to take care of the risk, not only at the beginning, but at the end.

FICTION VS. FACT.

The poet sings the weary while
 Ere spring shall bless us with her smile;
 But lo, with jests and breezy chats
 Yon drummer's selling sailor hats.

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The importance of the young men of the Order securing certificates in the Endowment Rank as early as possible must be apparent, when they recognise the very low cost of securing insurance in that department, up to the age of 30. Of course the rates at every age are very reasonable, being graded in accordance with established experience in connection with insurance but the sooner a member of the Order begins the less he will have to pay per month, and the insurance will in that way be more easily carried.

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EMBARRASSMENTS OF GOOD MANNERS.

"It is rude for a guest to look at his watch."

"Yes?"

"And ruder for a host to look at the clock."

"Of course."

"Well, how do polite people ever get away from each other?"

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