

HINTS FOR BUSINESS MEN.

Take advantage of modern facilities, and accomplish as much in a single day as required weeks, months, or years, formerly.

Don't depend on your own lungs alone,—use the lungs of the press.

Make it known that you are prepared to do business.

Calculate the probabilities of the future: increase and multiply the means of information.

To compete successfully with a neighbor, participate in the facilities afforded to go a-head.

The door to wealth, respectability, influence and honor is thrown wide open to all.

Establish yourself on the broad and sound basis of integrity.

Conduct your business with intelligence and judgment.

The man who refuses to advertise, in effect confesses incapacity and defeat, and retreats to the rear rank of his profession.

The important part of business, next to being prepared to serve customers, is to make the fact known.

Buy fair, sell fair, and take care of the profits.

Let the business of others alone, and attend to your own.

There is no deep or hidden mystery to be studied or practised to carry on business successfully. On the contrary, all that any honest, legitimate concern, demanded by the public wants, requires, is fair judgment, close industry, unwavering integrity, superior workmanship, fair prices, and to do better by the customers, if possible, than others in the same business can do by theirs—and give it publicity.

Tricky, deceitful and dishonest people are rarely prosperous; for when confidence is withdrawn, poverty is likely to follow.

Be civil and obliging to all; it costs nothing and is worth much.

Sell at small profits—for cash—and make it known through the newspapers.

Treat your customers as your friends, by serving them in the best manner; then they will buy of you again.

WOMEN.—The following passage is from "Rural Hours," by Miss Cooper. It beautifully expresses the sentiments of all women of pure feelings and correct principles:

"We American women certainly owe a debt of gratitude to our countrymen for their kindness and consideration of us generally. Gallantry may not always take a graceful form in this part of the world, and mere flattery may be worth as little here as elsewhere; but there is a glow of generous feeling toward women in the hearts of most American men which is highly honorable to them as a nation and as individuals. In no country is the protection given to woman's helplessness more full and free, and in no country is the assistance she receives from the stronger arm so general. Under such circumstances, it must be woman's fault if she be not thoroughly respected also. The position accorded to her is favorable. It remains for her to fill it in a manner worthy her own sex, gratefully, kindly, and simply; with truth and modesty of heart and life; unwavering fidelity of feeling and principle; with patience, cheerfulness, and sweetness of temper—no unfit return to those who smooth the daily path for her."

COSMETICS.—Ladies who use cosmetics should be good chemists. Their action is thus described by "one who knows":—

"A want of attention to the chemical action of colors has sometimes led ladies into an embarrassing predicament. Bismuth powder, sometimes sold as a substitute for genuine pearl powder, has the property of turning black when in contact with the fumes of sulphur, or with sulphureted hydrogen gas. A lady, who painted with this cosmetic, happened to bathe in a mineral water impregnated with this gas; and the consequence was, that the artificially whitened skin turned nearly black, and so remained for several weeks. Another lady, who used the same cosmetic, attended a lecture at Harrogate, on mineral waters, and the lecturer handed round a bottle containing sulphureted water, that its odor might illustrate a point to which he was directing attention. The lady did as other ladies did—smelt at the bottle,—and the result was, that she became not merely figuratively, but literally, 'black in the face.' Even the coals of a common English fire often contain enough sulphur to produce, in a slight degree, an analogous effect. Several instances have been known in which a lady, seated near a large fire at Christmas time, has had one side of her white neck tinged with a darkness which puzzled all except those who were aware of the effect of sulphur fumes upon bismuth cosmetics."

MILK.—The effect of milk upon the human system is not generally so well understood as the importance of the matter would seem to demand. The milk of cows kept stabled, or where the phosphate of lime is exhausted, becomes putrid, and, when examined through a microscope, is seen to contain globules of corrupt matter, which is generally eaten, because unknown to exist. The effect of it on infants and children who use it daily for food is weakness, sickness, and premature death. A child might as well be put to a nurse in the last stage of consumption as to feed on such milk.

THE SOUL.—What is there to survive the age? That which the age has little thought of, but which is living in us all,—the Soul, the Immortal Spirit. Of this all ages are the unfoldings, and it is greater than all. We must not feel, in the contemplation of the vast movements of our own and former times, as if we ourselves were nothing. I repeat it, we are greater than all. We are to survive our age,—to comprehend it, and to pronounce its sentence. As yet, however, we are encompassed with darkness. The issues of our time, how obscure! The future, into which it opens, who of us can foresee? To the Father of all ages I commit this future with humble, yet courageous and unflinching hope.—*Channing.*

THE BEARD.—What would be said of him who would shave off his eyebrows, pull out his eyelashes, or shave his head all over? Such a practice would be pronounced uncouth, unreasonable, unhealthy, and therefore wrong; yet if the hair of the head pertains to the laws of life and health, who dare say the beard has a less office to fill?—*Eclectic Medical Journal.*

Be contented and thankful. A cheerful spirit makes labor light, sleep sweet, and all around cheerful and happy.

MISCELLANY.

A tooth of Sir Isaac Newton was sold; 1815, for seven hundred and thirty pounds. A nobleman bought it, and had it set in a ring.

A French writer calls dyspepsia "the remorse of a guilty stomach."

The man who did not think it respectful to bring up his children to work has just heard from his three sons. One was a driver on canal, another had been taken up as a grant, and the third had gone to a public institution to learn the shoe business under a keeper.

ONE might as well be out of the world beloved by nobody in it.

STEAM NEWSPAPERS.—Of steam newspapers the New York Times says: "Their of the steam-men, the steam-reporters, the steam-reviewers, the steam-editors. Fingers, muscles, brains—all must go by steam. How can an editor or any other newspaper gentleman help blowing up somebody or something? Steam in the office, steam in the sanctum, steam in the basement and attic—there must be accidents—there must be explosions."

A wise man ought to hope for the best, be prepared for the worst, and bear with equanimity whatever may happen.

BAD luck is simply a man with his hands in his breeches pockets and a pipe in his mouth, looking to see how it will come out. Good luck is a man of pluck to meet difficulties, his sleeves rolled up, working to make it right.

PITTING OF SMALL POX.—A friend who has been a sufferer from the disease of small pox, informs us that if, when the pustules begin to appear, they are anointed with sweet oil and lime water, as these are generally prepared for application to burns or water scalds, it will operate to prevent or allay all irritation, and hinder the discoloration of the cuticle and the pitting which are so often the accompaniment of this fearful disorder.

Sir Walter Scott is said to have taken pride in the wonderful creations of his genius, but at the same time was extremely vain of his title of sheriff of the county.

LADIES HAVE THE PULL OF GENTLEMEN.—Ladies are following the profession of dentistry in New York. Smellfungus, in his cynical manner, approves of this, and the reason of his approval is, because "Women (he says) are universally acknowledged to be the most practised hands at stopping men's mouths."

THE marriage of a loved child may seem to a parent a kind of death. Yet therein a father pays but a just debt. Wedlock gave him the good girl; to wedlock, then, he owes it.

MICAWHER having done a mean action, says he felt as if the devil had been throwing dice for his soul, and had just turned sixes! If we are not much mistaken, this is the way every body feels who stoops to duplicity. A person never sets a smaller value upon himself than the day he undermines somebody else.

THE Independence Belge states that a young lady, living in Hanover, has been sentenced by a court of that town to pay a fine of two francs, "for having worn a dress which, occupying the whole breadth of the pavement, is an obstruction to the public way."