

Incredible

A friend of James McNeill Whistler once came upon him in a London street while he was questioning a very dirty newsboy. "Yes, sir," the boy was saying. "I've been selling papers three years." "How old are you?" "Seven." "Oh, you must be more than that." "No, sir, I ain't." "I say, Charlie," said Whistler, turning to his friend, "I don't think he could get that dirty in seven years. Do you?"

"Always Own Up"

A very good story is told in the "Reminiscences of Lady Burghersh," a lady who enjoyed the close friendship of the Duke of Wellington. One day when in the drawing-room with the Duke, who had occasion to ring the bell for the footman. No one came, and a second and third attempt were equally unsuccessful. Stepping to the door the Duke shouted in stentorian tones, which soon brought a liveried servant, white as a sheet, to the room, where he was greeted with a storm of invective more forcible than delicate. The tiny girl, who had never seen the Duke in a rage before, burst into a merry peal of laughter, and he, astonished, stopped in the middle of his tirade and turned round to look at her. This gave the terrified footman time to explain that the bell was broken. The Duke stepped across the room to make sure that it was so, and then frankly and handsomely apologized to the man for his misjudgment. But the best of it all was, when he turned round to his little friend with a roguish look and said: "Always own up."

"A Thrill of Hope"

The Epworth League Convention recently held in Denver City, Colorado, was, in my opinion, a remarkable one in many respects. In attendance by delegates from almost every State and province, in the harmony that obtained throughout all the services, in the ability and versatility of the platform efforts, in the immense audiences assembled three times per day in each of three large auditoriums, and in the deep devotional spirit that characterized the services throughout—in all these and other respects—the convention was a great success. I was most impressed, not from what I heard, but from what I saw. It was the sight of thousands assembled, of the young men and women of North American Methodism to study great problems at present confronting the Church, and waiting together for that endowment of power by which they may be fitted more fully for their great life-work. Through them I saw a million more in the United States and Canada, inspired by the same spirit, fired by a like zeal, and dominated by a similar purpose—the young manhood and womanhood of Methodism consecrated to Christ and ready for Christian service, and I felt the thrill of a great hope as I reflected on that vision. Verily Methodism is not declining, and the best of all is, "God is with us."—Rev. I. Tovell, D.D.

It Looked Easy

A thoroughly self-conceited author of one or two novels went with a party of friends to see an old woman who made a living by weaving silk rugs on a common carpet loom. During the call the author of the novels said condescendingly to the old woman: "Weaving those rugs seems very easy and simple, but I dare say that I can write my books as easily than I could weave rugs." "Very likely," said the old lady placidly; "for you see, it takes considerable brain work for this, easy as it looks."

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