

Only One Way is Right

"My boy," said Uncle Hiram, once while giving me advice,
 "The saw that doesn't wobble is the one that cuts the ice."
 The saw that does applies itself within its narrow groove, and will soon or late fulfill its work by keeping on the move.
 When halfway through, temptation may beset it, like as not,
 To leave the place that seemeth hard and seek a thinner spot;
 But shifting saws will learn, at length, when failure they invite:
 There's many a way o' doin' things, but only one way's right!

"And bear in mind, my boy, through life, it tempted tasks to shirk,
 Success is but a second crop, the aftermath of Work.
 A lubricator tried and true is Perseverance Oil,
 And Fortune's smile is rarely won except by honest toil.
 A safe cross-cut to Fame or Wealth has never yet been found,
 The men upon the heights to-day are those who've gone around
 The longest way, inspired by the sayin' somewhat trite:
 There's many a way o' doin' things, but only one way's right."

I knew my Uncle Hiram had achievement's summit reached;
 I knew him as an honest man who practised what he preached,
 And so I paid the lesson heed, and rapid attention gave,
 When, in an added after-thought, he said: "My boy, be brave!
 Act well your part; tenaciously to one straight course adhere;
 Though men declare you're in a rut,—work on, and never fear;
 You'll realize, when you, at length, have reached achievement's height:
 There's many a way o' doin' things, but only one way's right!"
 —Roy Farrel Green, in Success.

The Man Who Fights Alone

The fellow who fights the fight alone,
 With never a word of cheer,
 With never a friend his help to lend,
 With never a comrade near—
 'Tis he has need of a stalwart hand
 And a heart not given to moan—
 Oh, brave and grim is the heart of him,
 The fellow who fights alone!
 God bless the fellow who fights alone,
 And arm his soul with strength,
 Till safely out of the battle rout
 He conquering comes at length,
 Till far and near into every ear
 The fame of his fight is blown,
 Till friend and foe in the victor know
 The fellow who fights alone.
 —New York Sun.

Making Meal for Porridge

I have been told by good authority that the various meals of which we make our porridge, requires more cooking than they get by boiling, and that only very strong and healthy stomachs can digest them properly, but if the meals are baked first, they are made all right. I have tried baking corn meal in a hot oven with the grate on the bottom, and stirring occasionally to keep it from burning. It should be a little darker yellow when done, and an hour should be long enough. Porridge made of this is sweet and delicious. We put in a handful of wheat flour and think it an improvement. Rice cooked in the same way is a great improvement, and easily digested.
 H. W. Agnew, B. C.

Quilting on Sewing Machine

I do my quilting on the sewing machine instead of by hand. If the comforter or quilt is not unreasonably heavy, it is easily done, and in two or three hours, what used to take a day. The comforter should be pretty well basted, then I loosen the tension and lengthen the stitch, put the quilt under and follow whatever design you like as a guide. I commence about four inches from the edge, stitching lengthwise. I have a quilter with my machine, but it is not always quite satisfactory, but use it when it is.
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