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Vice-President Wilson, when a boy, was bound out on a farm and obliged to work from daylight to dark, but he found time to educate himself. Before he was twenty-one he had read a thou-Where the heart is, there is the trea-

sure. Where the ambition is, there is

before he gets to his main business.

Most of us manage somehow to find time for the things we love. If one is hungry for knowledge, if one yearns for self-improvement, if one has a taste for reading, he will make the opportunity

reading, he will make the opportunity to satisfy his desires.

Think of young Abe Lincoln being so busy that he could not find time to think, to read, to improve his mind. It was said by one who early knew him that "he lost no time at home; when he was not at work he was at his books; and he carried his books to work that he might read when released from labor."

Vice President Wilson, when a boy,

time.

It takes not only resolution but determination to set aside unessentials for essentials, things pleasant and agreeable to-day for the things that will prove best for us in the end. There is always temptation to sacrifice tuture good for present pleasure; to put off reading to a more convenient season, while we enjoy idle amusements or while we enjoy idle amusements or waste the time in gossip or frivolous

waste the time in gossip or frivolous conversation.

The greatest things of the world have been done by those who systematized their time. Men who have left their mark on the world have appreciated the preciousness of time, regarding it as the great quarry out of which they have carved reputations or fortunes, hewn instruments with which to continue other work of progress and civilization.

The faithfulness with which you improve every spare moment, every little chance to develop yourself to your highest possible power, is an indication of

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN the sort of man you will be, the sort of man you are; it is an evidence of the ability that wins.

THE PLEASURE AND PROFIT OF READING

Carlyle has said that a collection of books is a university. What a pity that the thousands of ambitious, energetic men who missed their opportunities for an education at the school age, and feel crippled by their loss, fail to catch the significance of this, fail to realize the tremendous cumulative possibilities of that great life-improver, that admirable substitute for a college or university education — reading. Many of the world's most eminent men acquired an excellent education mainly by reading. Franklin, the printer's devil, by self-effort, self-discipline, self-schooling, educated himself so well that the extent of his knowledge surprised the haughty reading the self-education at home made so cheap, so casy, and so attractive

him a rich mine of knowledge.

What would he have thought of the marvelous wealth of reading open to the poorest in the land to-day? Never before was a practical substitute for a college education at home made so cheap, so easy, and so attractive. Knowledge of all kinds is placed before us in a most attractive and interesting manner. The best of the literature of the world is found to-day in thousands of American homes where fifty years ago it could only have been obtained by the rich.

What a shame it is that under such conditions as these we should grow up. of his knowledge surprised the haughty English lords and the incredulous French English lords and the incredulous French scientists and authors.

Lincoln, who, to use his own phrase, had possibly a year's schooling "by littles," is a conspicuous example of self-education through reading, even with very few books, amid the most primitive conditions and with no inspir-

primitive conditions and with no inspiring associates.

Elitu Burritt, working all day in a
blacksmith's shop, had little opportunity for education, yet through his industry and love of reading and study he
became one of the greatest linguists in
the world, and won for himself the honorable sobriquet of "the learned blacksmith." Speaking of Burritt's profound
learning, Edward Everett said, "It is
enough to make one who has had good
opportunities for education hang his
head in shame."

The trouble with many of those who
lack early opportunities and many
others who see no chance for a collegecourse, and say they have no opportunwhat a sname it is that under such conditions as these we should grow up ignorant, should be uneducated in the midst of such marvelous opportunities for self-improvement! Indeed, most of the best literature in every line to-day appears in the current periodicals, in the form of short articles. Many of our greatest writers spend a vast

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properly organized, might be used to advantage.
What would a business man accomplish if he did not attend to important matters until he had time that was not needed for anything else? The good business man goes to his office in the morning and plunges right into the important work of the day. He knows perfectly well that if he attends to all the outside matters, all the details and little things that come up, sees every-body that wants to see him, and answers all the questions people want to ask, that it will be time to close his office before he gets to his main business. Grand **Pianos** Our "Louis Grand" and "Baby Grand"

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do in life, who are greatly perplexed as to the choice of a vocation, and who have never shown any great ambition, who would be wonderfully stimulated and helped by the reading of inspiring, invigorating life-stories of men who have done things in the world, especially who have succeded under difficulties. If you do not know what to do with your boy—if he does not seem to take an interest in anything—if you can not find what he is best fitted for, just get him to read some of the great life stories of self-made men, and the chances are that they will arouse his ambition and touch springs of powers in him which you never were able to reach.

In order to get most out of books, the reader must be a thinker. The mere acquisition of facts is not the acquisition

It is not yours until you have assimilated it by your thought. When you first read it, it belongs to the author. It is yours only when it becomes an integral part of you.

To get the most from your reading you must read with a purpose. To sit down and pick up a book listlessly, with no aim except to pass away time, is demoralizing.

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This practice is also a splendid and effective cure for mind-wandering, which afflicts so many people, and which is encouraged by the multiplicity of and facility of obtaining reading matter at the precent day. the present day.
When you read, read as Macaulay did,
as Carlyle did, as Lincoln did—as did as Carifie did, as Lineau du as did every great man who has profited by his reading—with your whole soul ab-sorbed in what you read, with such in-tense concentration that you will be oblivious of everything else outside of

your book.

Good reading makes a full man, an interesting man. If you read in the right way, your reading will keep you from a multitude of temptations, and will elevate your life standards. Your ideals will be higher, your views of life nobler because of it. It will not only make you more interesting, but it will also enrich your life as nothing else can.

Nothing else will more quickly ruin a good mind than familiarity with frivolous, superficial books. Even though they may not be actually vicious, the reading of books which are not true to life, which carry home no great lesson, teach no sane or healtful philosophy, but are merely written to excite the passions, to stimulate a morbid curiosity will ruin the best of minds in a very short time. They tend to destroy the ideals and to ruin the taste for all good reading.

reading.

Read, read, read all you can. But never read a bad book or a poor book. Life is too short, time too precious, to spend it in reading anything but the best.

best.

Any book is bad for you, the reading of which takes the place of a better one. If you want to develop a delightful form of enjoyment, to cultivate a new pleasure, of enjoyment, to cultivate a new pleasure, a new sensation which you have never before experienced, begin to read good books, good periodicals, regularly every day. Do not tire yourself by trying to read a great deal at first. Read a little at a time, but read some every day, no matter how little. If you are faithful you will soon acquire a taste for reading—the reading habit; and it will, in time, give you infinite satisfaction, unalloyed give you infinite satisfaction, unalloyed pleasure.—O. S. M., in Success.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

A boy of thirteen was often brought

weeks of pain still harder to bear.

"We went the other day to see a collection of natural curiosities at a Mr.
Broderip's. My father observed that he had but very few butterflies.

"No, sir,' he said, a circumstance that happened to me some time ago determined me never to collect any more butterflies. I caught a most beautiful trefly, thought I had killed it, and ran a pin through its body to fasten it to a cork. A fortnight afterward I happened to look in the box where I had left it, and I saw it writhing in agony. Since that time I have never destroyed another."

VICTORY THROUGH PERSEVERANCE

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The girl held up a forlorn handful of late asters. "The refrired asked, what is the sasters." The refrired asked, will an attempting to criticise the assertions of a doctor of divinity, I am engaging in a difficult entire that it leoked on every side but that! I'll go straight back and hunt again."

Twenty minutes later she returned lade with autumn bloom.

"You were right," she said. "I had be of the life of the summit. I have failed."

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"You were right," she said. "I had but the south side made such an difference. The slope was half covered with the most beautiful blossoms, so but them in this pitcher beside you so that the most beautiful blossoms, so but the mit his pitcher beside you so that the most beautiful blossoms, so but the mit have failed."

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richest silver mines of England was discovered only two yards from the spot
where the original prospector, after
having spent thousands of pounds,
stopped digging. It is the ability to
persevere until the neward comes that
chiefly differentiates one life from another.

tion of power. To fill the mind with knowledge that can not be made available is like filling our houses up with furniture and briea-frace until we have no room to move about.

Food does not become an integral part of the blood, brain and other tissues. Knowledge does not become power until digested and assimilated by the brain until it has become become intellectually sirong, after reading with the closes attention, form this habit: Frequently f

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good naturedly. "Here you take the lighter baskets."

Up the stairs went the boy. The air was close and he got hot and breathless. Down he came again. The dirt had to be dug and shoveled into baskets. He grew hotter and the sweat began to trickle down his back.

"The boys are playing ball. I'm going over," he said at last with impatience. "I can't shovel dirt."

"All right, my boy," said father; "but I'm disappointed in you. I had expected to find you able to stick to a thing. I counted on your help, too; but it's alright, go ahead and play ball."

The boy washed his hands and went over into the next yard, It was the first time he ever remembered feeling uncomfortable when playing hall. Tonig! ti twasn't much tun.

Pretty soon he left the boys and went upstairs to his mother. By and by he came down, rolled up his sleeves and went at the shovelling.

His father had planned a little garden for the fire-escape corner. It took a let of dirt.

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The boy sweated and puffed. He blistered his hands; but he stuck.

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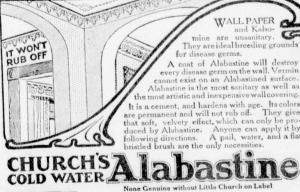
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