

Why Grant Never Swore.

While sitting with him at the camp fire late one night, after everyone else had gone to bed, I said to him: "General, it seems singular that you have gone through all the tumble of army service and frontier life, and have never been provoked into swearing. I have never heard you utter an oath or use an imprecation."

"Well, somehow or another, I never learned to swear," he replied to me. "When a boy I seemed to have a repulsion to it, and when I became a man I saw the folly of it. I have always noticed, too, that swearing helps to rouse a man's anger; and when a man flies into a passion, his adversary who keeps cool always gets the better of him. In fact, I never could see the use of swearing. I think it is the case with many people who swear excessively that it is a mere habit and that they do not mean to be profane; but, to say the least, it is a great waste of time."
—*Michigan Christian Advocate.*

The Secret of Happiness.

"I can truly say that I have much to be thankful for, and that I have discovered the secret of happiness in this world. It is to cultivate a love for some honorable work. I am in my eighty-second year, and I never could have attained such an age, or kept such perfect health, if I had folded my hands idly sixty years ago and yielded to despair. Fighting against odds is a wonderfully inspiring thing. Some people would say my life has been wrecked, that it is of no value, because the day that I became a bride I was left a widow and blind. Yet I can truthfully say life has been worth living. All the hours have been winged, for employment is the charioteer of the soul."—*Mrs. Helen De Krofft, in "Success."*

Story of an April Fool.

In an article entitled "The Uncertain Glory of an April Fool," published in *Harper's Round Table*, Lawrence Hutton describes an incident in his boyhood that is full of humor. He says: "One April Fool's day my father attended the funeral of an old friend, Dr. McPherson, and upon his return promised to bring me a brick of maple sugar."

"He came back at dinner-time carrying the brick, enveloped in many series of papers. The process of disentanglement was long and laborious, but it was persistently performed, and, when the brick was revealed, lo! it was just a brick, not of maple sugar, but a plain, ordinary, red building brick, which he had taken from a pile of similar bricks on his way up to the office. Then I realized that it was the first of April, and that I had been April fooled!"

"It was necessary, however, to get even with my father; not an easy matter, I knew, and I consulted my Uncle John, a youth some six or eight years my senior. He advised patient waiting. The father, he said, was absolutely devoted to his daily paper, which he read every day from front-piece to end, and if I could hold myself in for a whole year, my Uncle John thought it would be worth it. The paper of that date was put safely away for a twelvemonth; and on the first of April next it was produced, carefully folded and properly dampened, and was placed by the side of my father's plate, the mother and the son making no remark, but eagerly awaiting the result. The journal was vigorously scanned, no item of news or of business import was missed, until the reader came to the funeral announcement on the third page. Then he looked at the top of the paper through his spectacles, and then he looked over his spectacles at me, who was very busy with my bread and milk, and he made but one remark: "My son, I see that old Dr. McPherson is dead again!"

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