

BLUNDERS.

Witty and Wise Lecture by Talma.

A Splendid Synopsis of a Popular Science Address.

"The man who never made a blunder has never yet been born. If he had been he would have died right away. The first blunder was made in Paradise, and it had a large family of children. But an ordinary blunder will not attract my attention; it must be large and persevering, and it must be great in stature—in other words, it must be a big blunder. Now, let me say at this point in my lecture that my ideas of this literary lecture are changed very much from what they used to be. I used to think a literary lecture ought to be something very profound. I had three or four lectures of that kind. They were dreadfully profound. There were always two difficulties about these very profound lectures. One was the audience didn't know what I was talking about, and the other was I did not know myself. So I made up my mind that a literary lecture ought to be something genial, something helpful. If you can put your shoulder under my burden you are my friend. Let me say also that my ideas of religion are a little different from those of some people. My religion is sunshine. The difference between the earth and heaven is that the sunshine of earth sometimes gets beclouded, but heaven is everlasting sunshine. I have noticed the more religion a man has the happier he is. When a man comes to me with an elongated face and proposes to impress me with his goodness, I hesitate about relying on him. The solemnest looking man I ever saw was a man who said never to have laughed in ten years; he borrowed from me \$25, and sent me a package of feeling papers mentioning the matter afterwards. That kind of a man don't impress me at all. Life is an old-fashioned pilgrimage. At a large religious meeting people were giving their experiences. One man with a great deal of pomposity rose and said: "I am on board the old ship Zion, and am going heavenward at the rate of eighteen knots an hour, and shall soon arrive in the harbor of the blessed." The second got up with still more pomposity, and declared he was sailing toward the harbor at the blessed of forty knots an hour. A third got up and said that the ship he was on was a steamship, when an old-fashioned Christian woman got up and said: "Brethren, I have been going to heaven for seventy years, and have been going afoot, and from the first things I shall have to go on foot all the way, and if some of you people don't look out you will bust your boilers!" The fact is most of us will have to go afoot, and if anybody will walk alongside of us in the journey of life, it will be a good service.

Some years ago he was announced to deliver a lecture in a large city. On his way to the lecture he saw on a board fence the announcement partly mutilated, and it read something like this: "Rev. T. De Witt Talma will hold the fifth consecutive ball, will walk one hundred consecutive hours without food or sleep, will welcome Heenan, the champion pugilist," etc. He never had such an embarrassing amount of work to do before in all his life.

BLUNDER THE FIRST. He is a multiplicit of occupations. He had a friend who is a very good poet and a very good painter, and a very good speaker, and he can do a half dozen things well; but that man is an exception. The general rule is that a man can do only two things well—the first is, to find his sphere; the second, to keep it. The general rule is that a man who looks like a man, stick to your place; lawyer, stick to your brief; minister, attend to your pulpit, and don't go off lecturing. But mighty men of all professions have been, for the most part, men of one occupation. Some times a man is prepared by providence, through a variety of occupations, for one great mission. Sometimes men get prepared for their positions in life by their troubles. They go from disappointment to disappointment until they graduate at the university of hard knocks. The old poets used to talk of a man getting inspiration by sleeping on Mount Parnassus. It is not the man on the mountain, but the mountain on the man that brings men to the position for which God intended them. The difference between a man and a man is not so much a difference in fruitfulness of occupation as it is in the difference of the endowment of men with that great attribute of stick-to-itiveness. Concentrate all your energies into one direction. Do not be afraid to be called a man of one idea. Better have one great idea than a hundred little ones. Every man is made to fit into some occupation or profession, just as a tuning is made to fit a meter, and you know what bad work it makes out of it. Gather them into regiments, into brigades, and then give the command: "Forward, march." Nothing on earth or in hell can stand against you. That man who concentrates all his energies of mind, body and soul in one direction is a tremendous man.

BLUNDER THE NEXT. Indulgence in a bad temper. There is no country in all the world where a man is so inexcusable for losing his temper or not being in a good temper as this. I have eight hundred and fifty thousand reasons for saying so. Eight hundred and fifty thousand came from the other side to live in America the other year. The fact that so many are coming here to live proves that this is the best place on earth to live. This whole continent is becoming one country. After a while the United States will offer heart and hand to beautiful and hospitable Canada, and when she does Canada will look down, and thinking of her allegiance across the sea, will say: "Ask mother."

Are your nerves weak? go north. Is your throat sore? go south. Are you crowded? go west. Are you tempted? go to jail. The poorest man in town is that of Groul, Spittire, & Co. They bully the clerks, quarrel with draymen, kick beggars out of the store; the children shy off as they pass along the street, and the dogs, with a wild yell, clear the path as they come. Suddenly the money market will be astounded at the defalcation of Groul, Spittire & Co., while Merriman, Warmgrass & Co., who began as errand boys, open a store on the opposite corner, flourish and become prosperous merchants. If a man can sing and won't sing he ought to be sent to Sing Sing. We will never make this world any better by scolding. We will never make it any better until we coax it better. An old minister said to a young minister who was evidently displeased and discouraged: "You do not know how to fish. When you go to fish take a beam, tie it to a rope and put on the end a pot-hook; fasten on the end of that a living scorpion, and then splash it into the stream and say, 'Bite me or be damned!' You can't drive men into the kingdom of God with the butt end of a club. By kindness and gentleness, and seeing the brightness that is in this world and the world to come, we are to draw all men to God."

Farm and Garden. If, upon wearing a calf or other young animal, it is so far separated from the dam that one can not be heard by the other, from one to three days will suffice to render them quiet.—(Prairie Farmer.) A farmer is mentioned in the late discussion of New England farmers, reported in the Massachusetts Ploughman, who for two years planted seed from the seed-end and stem-end of the potato separately. Both years the seed-end gave him a crop from twelve to fourteen days earlier than from the stem-end. Gapes are produced by a parasite in the windpipe of the fowl. It may be prevented by sprinkling the feed with the windpipe, twisting it around and quickly withdrawing. It is said that confining a fowl in a box and filling the air in it with lime-dust will sometimes cause the fowl to cough or sneeze up the intruder. No preventive is known, but an occasional dose of turpentine is recommended.—(Troy Times.)

Energy or Snapp. Young teachers will find many valuable hints in the following, which we condense from an article in one of our exchanges: "There is no place in the world where more energy is needed than in the school-room. A teacher needs it on his way to school, he sets an example by the way he moves along; what sort of a man he is appears by his movements in the street. He must have snap to make his external appearance as becoming as possible. Snap is needed in your school work. Don't sit in your chair for an hour at a time. Let your style in sitting there exhibit activity. Sit upright; don't lean on one elbow. Insist that your pupils shall sit in good style too. When you stand, stand properly; don't lean up against the side of the house, door or desk, stand erect. Snap is needed in conducting your classes. If your pupils walk properly to their recitation seat; have them wait there, standing, for your direction to sit down, unless they can take their places properly without. When a pupil's name is called, see that he rises promptly and looks you in the face. When he goes to the blackboard see that he arranges his work evenly and neatly. When you recite or explain have snap enough to do it better than any one else; be a model when you undertake to do a thing. Have snap enough to watch your influence on the school, and see whether you are on the order or disorder. Do not neglect to hold of the current events. Discuss with your pupils day by day. In fine, have snap enough to be a live teacher instead of a machine."

Preparing for a Fall. The ministerial newspapers are evidently preparing for a fall. They are raising a protest against what they are pleased to call French domination. Under Sir John Macdonald it was desirable in their eyes that Quebec should divide its representation between Sir John Macdonald and Mr. Blake in the proportion of fifty for the former and fifteen for the latter. But now that the numbers are to be reversed, and Mr. Blake is to get the fifty and Sir John Macdonald the fifteen, confederation is threatened, they claim, with ruin and the English race with extinction. That the Tory newspapers should find it necessary to resort to such strained statements and absurd assertions, shows how desperately they regard the Premier's position as being their assistance. It is ridiculous to say that Mr. Blake's governing Canada by their support will be more dangerous to Canada than has been Sir John Macdonald's doing so for the past decade. So long as Quebec remains a portion of confederation, just so long must one or the other of the two political parties obtain a majority of representatives from that province to support it in governing the country. A coalition of English-French Canadians, as Canadians, under Mr. Blake promises more stable administration to Canada than the coalition of French Catholics with Ontario Orangemen—a coalition unnatural and dangerous—which has prevailed in the past. The Toronto Mail evidently regards Sir John's flight to England as a fatal mistake because it says it "revives the liberal's 'long-sought-for opportunity' of overthrowing his political ruin."—(Ottawa Free Press.) English towns of less than 10,000 inhabitants have scarcely grown at all in the last decade. The increase of ports and seaboard towns is much greater than that of those inland.

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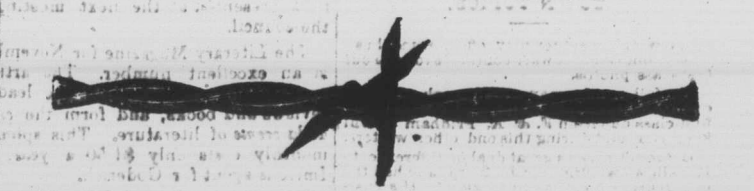
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