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"AS GOOD AS I KNOW HOW"

It is very disappointing when one has really tried to find that instead of realizing it people are merely annoyed because our efforts do not come up to what they had expected of us, and, as there are very few of us who have never had an experience of this kind, most of us know just how it feels.

But very often, unfortunately, the experience hasn't effectually taught us the obvious lesson—how necessary it is to make allowances for other people on the same score.

And so we go on, month after month, year after year, expecting people to act up to our ideas of what is right and proper, and feeling sore and angry when they don't, and sometimes we make ourselves extremely unpleasant over it to the delinquents, more especially if it happens to be members of our own family, that they have but a sorry time of it.

It would save such a lot of disappointment in life if we could all make up our minds that never, as long as the world lasts, will other people always act up to our ideas of what they should or should not do, sometimes because they really couldn't, however much they tried, sometimes because they wouldn't even if they could, because the least of what is right and best do not coincide with ours. "Bear ye one another's burdens" was never meant to imply that some of us have a right to deprive other people of living their own lives. Some of us are apt to forget that.

"Different people, different opinions," says the old saying. And a very good thing, too. For the world would be but a dull place if we all thought alike and acted alike. What you and I have to do each in our own sphere, is to be "as good as we know how," and if we are really doing that we may be quite sure that there isn't much amiss.

ARBOR DAY

The Boston Herald speaking of the observance of Arbor Day says:—

Established when the emphasis was chiefly on the aesthetic side of tree-planting the time has come now when men can be interested in the project because it touches either their own or the community's pocket nerve. A tree planter is a wealth-creator as well as a community-benefactor. He fosters full creeks and rivers, he aids in preventing freshets and landslides, he indirectly if not directly keeps factories going, summer resorts popular, and city dwellers eager to gain health as well as pleasure amid rural scenes. So that the call to Arbor Day this year has a message to the business man as well as to the child.

In an article contributed to the Boston 1913 series of arguments, the Rev. Dr. F. B. Clark calls attention to the part that tree planting has played in the recent swift transformation of Rio de Janeiro, so that it is one of the most beautiful and healthy cities of the world. The great new central avenue, a mile and an eighth long, running through the heart of the city and connecting one wing of the harbor with the other, and lined with splendid public buildings and modern business blocks, has through its entire length alternate trees and candelabra, the latter artistically designed; and around each tree is a bed of flowers. A street or boulevard that has trees in sufficient number to charm the eye or to shade the pedestrian is a delight and comfort, and from the economic standpoint ranks as a municipal asset.

COMING BACK

Canada's outlook for 1909 is encouraging. Not only has another rush of immigration set in from the other side of the Atlantic, but the "invasion" from the United States, there is reason to believe, will break the record. Among them are no doubt many Canadians who, fifteen or twenty years ago, felt compelled by adversity to leave the land of their birth to seek homes under the Stars and Stripes, but the great majority are farmers who, though they have done well in the United States, realize that Canada offers greater opportunities to people of their class than any other country under the sun. They have the advantages over most European immigrants in that as a rule they possess considerable means which not only adds directly to the wealth of Canada but will enable them more readily to take a large part in the development of the country.

BY THE WAY

Move!

May 1st!

Still sifting ashes, when its time to dig for sweet peas.

These are the days for the Athletic managers to get busy.

Ice is going, and the call of the wild fisherman grows stronger.

What is wanted now is a good thick blanket to go with the temperature.

The weather will allow you to scatter seeds of kindness, but if you are making a garden wait a few days.

The golfers are getting enthusiastic, and long for the spring campaign to open. All hands are armed and equipped.

What about a First of July celebration? We cannot be accused of overdoing such things. It is some years since the last celebration took place.

Financial.—If a man spent half as much money in an effort to keep out of trouble as he does in trying to get out, he would be away ahead of the game.

I've half a mind old winter is
A mean and selfish thing,
To linger here so rathlessly
Upon the lap of Spring.

A meeting of the Bachelor's Club has been called to deal with some of the members who, it is said, have not given proper notice of their reported withdrawal.

Draw a cheerful face to the world. Never talk much about your own troubles: the only result of that being to grieve your friends and please your enemies.

The "fountain" at the corner of Clinch and Carleton streets is in good working order, and is much enjoyed by the young folks. It is a great boon to the mud pie industry.

Clear up the streets and the yards. Make everything clean and sweet for summer. Brighten up the yards with grass and flowers, thus adding to the cheerfulness and interest of life.

An effort is being made to prove that the Boston murderer, Jordan, who butchered his wife, was insane. As a child he was naughty, would run away, play truant, had a bad temper and did other things that most boys are guilty of every day. If this is a form of insanity it would be well to take children in hand before they cut their teeth, and then perhaps the danger of brutal murders will be removed.

In Dr. Johnson's opinion nine out of ten of the cases of fatal wife-beating never would have occurred had the husband been properly lashed for his early offences. The further statement is made that where a male relative of the wife has thoroughly thrashed the wife-beater, the latter has never been known again to indulge in the pastime. In the opinion of many authorities in criminal practice Parliament should adopt Mr. Bickerdike's bill authorizing the whipping of this class of offenders.

We have good schools in this town and we understand that efforts will be made to make them better, which will mean that more money will be required for school purposes. No person will find fault with any obligations assumed to provide first class schools, but if a number of children in town, or their parents, fail to take advantage of what is being done for them, it is up to the authorities to see that the compulsory education law is enforced. When boys, and very often parents, fail to appreciate the advantages of proper education it is time some action was taken.

There was a school teacher who exclaimed impatiently one afternoon— "Johnny Jones, what are you fumbling with there?" Johnny hung his head and was silent. But the tell-tale of the class spoke up. "It's a pin he's got, ma'am." "Well, take it from him," said the teacher, and bring it here to me." This was done; and then in a mollified voice the teacher said—"Now, Johnny Jones, get up and say your poetry lesson. But Johnny did not obey. He blushed, hung his head, and sat still.

"Johnny," said the teacher, "rise, I tell you." Then the little fellow blurted out distressfully, "I can't ma'am. That there pin you took is what holds my trousers up."

PERSONAL

Neil McMillan arrived home on Saturday.

Howard Allan is in Beaver Harbor this week.

Will Clerk, St. Stephen, was in town Monday.

Mrs. George Hickey left on Monday for Vermont.

Mrs. N. Kelson, Beaver Harbor, spent Monday in town.

J. A. Belyea went through to St. John on Saturday's train.

Edward O'Neill registered at the Victoria, St. John, last week.

Mrs. C. H. Lee was a passenger from St. John on Monday's train.

Capt. Chas. Trainer was in town Saturday and called on Greetings.

Mrs. James Southard, jr., is still confined to her home through illness.

Miss Bessie Frauley left on Monday for a short visit at the Border towns.

George Best and Alexander Paul of Beaver Harbor, were in town Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Culliver, of Calais, is visiting her aunt Mrs. Chas. Henry.

Harry Frauley has been confined to his room for some days with a severe cold.

Married.—At St. Stephen, Monday April 26th, Miss Bessie Tucker to Donald Sellars.

Dr. Taylor, M.P.P., arrived home from his legislative duties at Fredericton on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hinds have returned from a pleasant visit in St. Stephen.

Elmer McLaughlin has returned from Fredericton and assumed charge of the Western Union office.

Mrs. Frank Murphy returned from Calais Tuesday. She was accompanied by her niece Christine Fitzgerald.

Mrs. N. Richardson arrived from St. John Monday to make preparations for opening Mount Vernon Lodge.

Mrs. A. C. Gillmor and young daughter, Frances, have arrived from the South, where they spent the winter.

Mrs. E. M. Nesbitt and children and Mrs. Nesbitt's father, Mr. T. C. Stevenson, left by C. P. R. for Edmonton, Alberta, Wednesday evening, where Mrs. Nesbitt will join her husband, who went some weeks ago. Mrs. Jellison H. Nesbitt accompanied them and will remain in the west until fall.

The Rev. Father Doyle left on Monday night for New York, where he will join his nephew Rev. Father O'Connor, and both will sail from that city for an extended European trip. They will visit the British Isles, France, Belgium and Italy. Father Doyle will make a visit at his old home in Ireland, where he was born 70 years ago. The prayers and good wishes of not only his own people, but of the community at large go with him on his long voyage.—Advertiser.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Florence Aileen McGee
Weds Frederick Smith

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride on April 28th, when Miss Florence Aileen McGee, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gentry McGee, became the bride of Frederick Smith.

The house was filled with guests and was beautifully decorated. Rev. H. I. Lynds performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father wore a gown of rich tulle silk, made in Princess style, with trimmings of rich lace, and the conventional veil with lilies of the valley. Her only ornament was an exquisite diamond pin, the gift of the groom. She carried a white prayer-book. Miss Ray Cawley was flower girl and wore white and carried bride's roses. The groom's gift to the flower girl was a beautiful locket and chain. Mrs. McGee mother of the bride, wore brown silk.

After the ceremony refreshments were served. The rooms were bowers of spring flowers. The bride received numerous beautiful and valuable gifts of silver, china, linen, cut glass and substantial cheques from her mother and father.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith left by train for St. John, Boston and New York, and after their honeymoon will reside in the new house on School street.

The bride's travelling gown was a smartly made tailored costume of dark blue English tweed and hat to match.

Hundreds of friends of the young couple were at the train, with the usual assortment of rice, confetti, etc., and all joined in wishing them a long and happy life. Greetings extends warmest congratulations.

Misses Maud and Hannah Smith, Miss Buck and Mr. W. Smith of St. John, were among the out of town guests at the wedding.

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