

we can find a descendant of George Vaughan whose career closely parallels that of his distinguished ancestor we shall have a right to infer that this resemblance in career was due to a resemblance in character, and, knowing the character of his descendant, we thus have a clue to the character of his ancestor. I could name to you such a descendant of George Vaughan. He too was a college man. He too added to his college training the unequalled training of war and diplomacy. He too led a successful business career, having been an important figure in the financial world of his time. If he did not receive the highest political honor in the gift of his adopted state, he received an honor remarkably high, for he represented the metropolis of the Western Hemisphere two terms in our National Congress, and what is more, was elected as a Republican from a district naturally Democratic. So, from what I know of the character of our contemporary, I shall be able to sketch for you the character of George Vaughan.

"The first trait that impressed one upon making his acquaintance was his remarkable sense of humor, which afforded him a never-failing fund of interest in the world about him, and which lightened many a burden and brightened many an hour of sadness. Allied to this was an unusual power to read human nature, and from this again followed almost as a corollary the power to manage men. Allied also to the same keen and subtle sense of humor was a business insight amounting to a sixth sense, by which he was able to divine triumphant success in a combination of circumstances in which other men read only failure. He maintained a life-long interest in his college studies, and in his later years could pose many a recent graduate by his range and accuracy of quotation from classic authors. His counsel was constantly and widely sought, and as freely given. Certainly I have outlined a busy career, but the activity that kept him busiest I have not yet mentioned. It was hiding from his left hand what his right hand was doing.