

The King of Spain's Ambition.

Longfellow tells of an Indian spirit, called Pau-Puk-Kerwis, who was about to be changed into a beaver. Before this transformation his prayer was, "make me large and make me larger, larger than the other beavers." Nearly everybody desires to be larger than he is in one way or another, and so the young King of Spain, in the following incident, was simply manifesting universal human nature.

The little King of Spain, Alfonso XIII., has his boyish ambitions, it seems, even though he is a king. He is now six years old, and he is no longer a "baby king." Recently, it is related by a correspondent at Madrid, the celebrated sculptor, Senor Querol, was engaged to make a statue of the young king.

The sculptor had great difficulty in finding a pose for his subject which should be at once spirited and natural, and sat one day in a brown study, regarding the boy as he looked out at the window.

All at once the sound of a band of music was heard in the street. The king sprang up, and brought his hand to his forehead in the military salute.

"The flag, sir! The flag!" the boy exclaimed. "Salute it!"

The sculptor had found the pose he sought, and made his statue represent the king in the act of saluting his country's flag.

As he was at work, the boy asked the artist:

"Are you going to make me big?"

"The statue will represent your majesty a little larger than you are," said Senor Querol.

"Well," said the five-year-old, "I want you to make me very big, with a long moustache."

The Economy of Generosity.

It was a maxim of Lord Bacon that, when it was necessary to economize, it was better to look after petty savings than to descend to petty gettings. The loose cash that many persons throw away uselessly and worse, would often form a basis of fortune and independence for life. These wasters are their own worst enemies, though generally found among the ranks of those who rail at the injustice of the world. But if a man

will not be his own friend, how can he expect that others will? Orderly men of moderate means have always something left in their pockets to help others; whereas, your prodigal and careless fellows who spend all never find an opportunity for helping anybody. It is poor economy, however, to be a scrub. Narrow-mindedness in living and in dealing is generally short-sighted, and leads to failure. The penny soul, it is said, never came to twopence. Generosity and liberality, like honesty, prove the best policy after all.

Emerson at Home.

George Bancroft the venerable historian, writes of Emerson in the February number of the North American Review: "When he was established in a house of his own," says Mr. Bancroft in summing up the life and character of the Concord sage, "it became the home of his mother, and the regard he showed her was marked by a singular mixture of veneration and affection, as if he had always in mind the very tender memory of their sorrows in the time when she alone bore all the burden of her orphan children. How he could love a brother is recorded for us in the poem in which he bewails a brother's death; how intense was his tenderness as a father, by the words in which he poured forth his sorrows at the death of one of his sons. He never failed a friend; he never forgot his duty to any human being. He held that men were made to do good to one another; it was no burden to him to receive good offices; and he was never weary of administering to the wants of others, often with a too lavish generosity. In public affairs his nearest object of affection was that of his town, and he knew how, when he pleased, to guide its councils at its meetings. His next love was his state; next came the Union, and next the federation of the many nations of the human race."

What Women Should Do.

There are several thousand men in our cities who are doing what women ought to do as well as they, but who cannot. They are men milliners. Do you know that, in sending out new styles for a season, the models which women employ faithfully copy are made by men? Perhaps you are not aware that the handsomest and most expensive bonnets worn on Easter Sunday are the creations of the man milliner. So, too, men make all the "tailor-made" garments. The expert man milliner, and dressmaker for that matter, is always on the lookout to make his work novel and attractive, and hence he is more inventive than his female competitor. This is proved every season by the "dreams in millinery art," which are the outcome of a man's brain.

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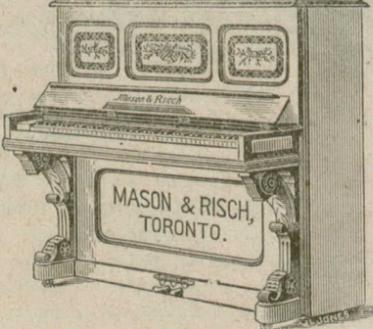
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