

played, and say, instead of the above, "There is good reason to hope, that after Bismarck passes off the scene, the German people will demand and obtain much greater control of their government," and not "it is probable that the armies of the Fatherland will soon have work to do." As a man of peace, I would suggest as a basis of settlement between France and Germany, that the question of nationality should be put to vote in the captured provinces. This would be much more sensible, my dear Don, and if you are really the Radical person you profess to be, you ought not to write in this theatrical manner, exaggerating the importance of the individual, and minimizing that of the masses.

Yours for peace and good will,

SANCHO P.



DEAR NEPHEW,—

Your father has asked me to write to you, giving in as concise a form as possible a fair idea (obtained from my own experience) of the proper course to be pursued in the business life upon which you are about to enter.

I take it that success is the object at which you would aim, and the first thing against which I must warn you, is the slightest display of independence. I mean, of course, towards your employer or superior. Simply fly when he says Go! It will not be necessary to keep this up, however, when he is not watching you.

The sense of power in himself, which your complete subserviency will engender, will make him wonderfully complaisant towards you, and impatient with those of a more manly (as it is called) spirit. This first rule may be hard to comply with, but you can vent your feelings upon any who are below you. They will not be able to resent this. I have read a number of books, written ostensibly for the guidance of young men, in which it is laid down as essential that they should be polite, considerate and kind, towards inferiors. Nothing could well be farther from the truth, except perhaps, that other falsehood, which the same authorities insist upon, namely, the cultivation of a proper spirit of independence! I characterize both of these propositions as utter folly and waste!

Why should you bestow such attention upon those who cannot advance you in any way? A little money will go a great deal farther, I am sure.

If you make any mistake about this matter, I can assure you that only the possession of great talents and industry will compensate for it, and I know you do not possess either of the latter qualities.

A reasonable amount of honesty and truthfulness are perhaps not to be despised, but do not carry the last

named too far; you will find when you get into a good position that policy must be exercised and truthfulness curtailed where and when it would not be judicious to exercise it.

Be temperate, but do not be fanatical about total abstinence, as it may seriously interfere with your prospects. Take wine, when invited to do so by anyone whose friendship you desire to cultivate, governing your actions in all cases by your own self-interest.

Avoid all bitter disputes upon the the subject of politics.

It may, however, be wise, in the presence of any members of the upper class, to denounce *radicalism*, in all its forms. Be conservative, not in the narrow sense of attaching yourself to the political party bearing that name, amongst whose members are many radicals, but in the broad sense of opposing the prevalent ideas of equality, and so forth.

Even employers who are members of the Liberal party have an underlying belief in conservatism, believing their position to be kept secure by maintaining the present order of things.

Certain classes are intended to rule and the majority to obey.

In Canada you will find it necessary to preach loyalty, particularly loyalty to the British Crown and Government, the interests of Canada always ranking second. Loyalty! Ah! how well that sounds! And indeed it does cover a multitude of shortcomings. This cry has been constantly and very successfully used here, again and again. I believe that many poor people get genuinely excited about it!

This letter has now reached a sufficient length, but when I hear that you have fairly understood it, I may again write, giving more specific instructions.

My life has, as you know, been very successful, and let me again remind you that any mistakes which I have been led into making, were almost altogether due to the want of similar friendly advice at its commencement.

Your affectionate uncle,

MACHIAVELLI NICHOLSON.

"ALL the difference in the world,"
The wrathful Colonel said,
"Between the Wiman Fed,
And the Denisonian Fed!"

A THING SHE HOPES WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FORGOTTEN.

(AT THE LIBERAL LADIES' DRAWING-ROOM, OTTAWA, SATURDAY EVENING.)

Liberal Member of Long Standing.—Must congratulate you, ladies, on a most representative turn out. Here's the Hon. A. Mackenzie and Sir Richard Cartwright and —

"*She*".—"Thanks, yes; but isn't it unfortunate—with the exception of Mr. Mackenzie and Sir Richard—all our prominent men have gone to the Press Dinner!!"

Very new hand (on big ship).—What is that feller doin sittin' there on the front pole. Does he think he is bein photographed?

Sailor. Why, you durned fool, that is the figger-head.

V.N.H. wonders if that is a position next in rank to the captain.