

RESOLVED TO RISE.

Fifteen years ago, two poor boys from the old town of Plymouth, in New England, went down to a lonely part of the coast to gather a certain sea-weed from the rocks, which when bleached and dried is sold as Irish moss for culinary purposes. The boys lived in a little hut on the beach; they were out before dawn to gather or prepare the moss, which had to be wet with sea-salt many times, and spread out in the sun until it was thoroughly whitened. They had one hour each day free from work. One of them spent it lying on the sand asleep. The other had brought out his books and studied for that hour, trying to keep up with his school-mates. The first boy is now a middle-aged man. He still gathers moss on the coast near Plymouth.

The second emigrated to Kansas, became the leading man in a new settlement, and is now a wealthy, influential citizen.

"No matter what was my work," he said lately, "I always contrived to give one hour to my education. That is the cause of my success in life."

A similar story is told of the president of one of the largest manufacturing firms in Pennsylvania. When as was a boy of sixteen, he was a blacksmith's assistant at a forge in the interior of the State. There were three other men employed in the forge.

"I will not always be a blacksmith, I will be a machinist," said the lad. "I mean to study arithmetic at night as a beginning."

Two of the men joined him, the other went to the tavern. After a year they found work in iron mills, at the lowest grade of employment, and made their way up, invariably giving a part of every evening to study. Each of these men now holds a high position in a great manufacturing establishment.

Such examples are common of the result of inflexible perseverance, in the effort to achieve a higher education and position. They are inspiring to boys, who like these moss-gatherers, or blacksmiths, have firm wills and sound health. But there are many lads to whom physical weakness, or a dull intellect, or a nervous, unhelpful temperament, renders such a course almost impossible. They work as they enjoy or suffer—in spasms of recurrent energy.

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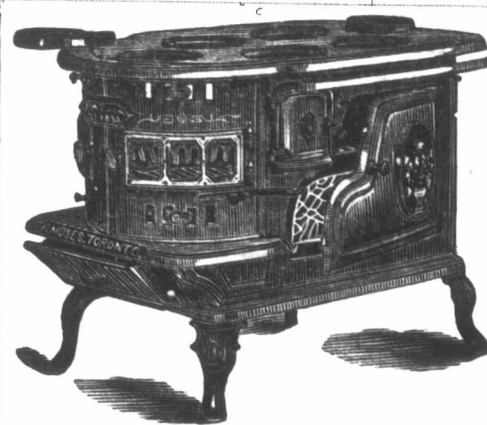
A boat was lying at the wharf, in which a native was sitting. The dog suddenly stopped, jumped into the boat, and gave several short barks, as if to say, "I want to go to that ship out there."

The man knew the dog, took in the situation, and, doubtless thinking of a fee, he rowed the dog to the ship's side. The man got his fee, for the officers were glad to have their pet returned to them. After that, the dog often got back to the ship in the same manner.

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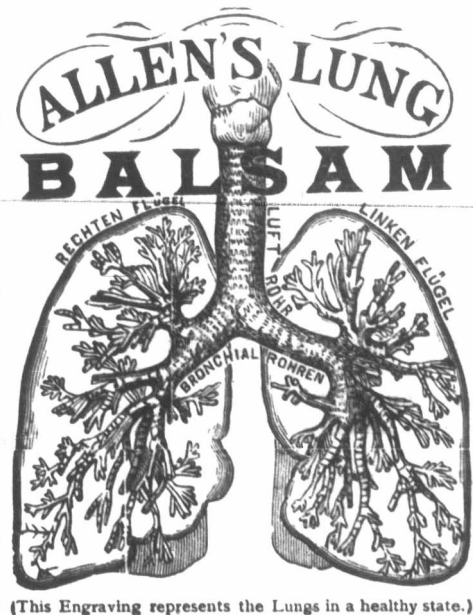
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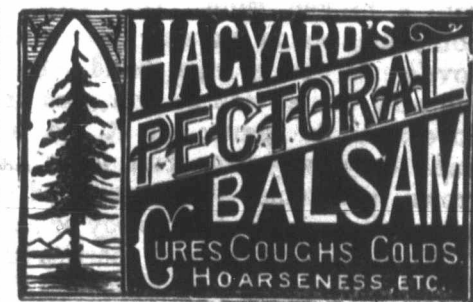
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