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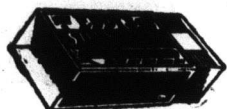
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THE FRENCH BOY WHO BECAME FAMOUS

Across the English Channel the name of Colbert, the French statesman, is justly regarded with national pride; but in this country, especially among our young men, it is not so widely known as it should be; for British youths may learn some very valuable lessons from it.

Jean Baptiste Colbert was born in 1619 at Rheims, but the incident that may be called the turning point in his life occurred when he was fourteen or fifteen years of age. He was then an apprentice with his godfather, M. Guillaume Certain, a woolen draper, at Rheims. His master was a thin, withered, old, and, as we shall see, not over-scrupulous man of business. It would seem that the Colbert family was of noble descent; but it had become reduced in circumstances, and because his father was poor, young Baptiste had to learn a trade.

The young apprentice knew something of the history of his own family and of his country, for he had always been very fond of books.

"What book is that you are reading?" asked his master one day. "It seems to interest you very much."

"Why, sir, I am reading the trial of the Duke of Montmorency; he was beheaded, you know, poor fellow, by the order of the Duke of Richelieu. Ministers are too harsh, too arbitrary, too despotic,"

parcels aside saying, "I like this best: what is its price?"

"Fifteen crowns a yard," answered Baptiste.

Moline made a grimace. "There are thirty yards, sir, in this piece," continued the youth.

"Four hundred and fifty crowns! Here they are," said the banker, as he handed Baptiste the money.

A receipt was given, and the apprentice and the porter returned to their master's shop.

"I think Baptiste has made a mistake," said Moline, with a smothered laugh, as he threw the other bales of cloth on the "Golden Fleece" counter.

"Do you think so, Moline?" asked M. Certain, trembling from head to foot. "Let me see; No. 3 is wanting, at eight crowns a yard. I'll warrant the young rascal has sold it for six crowns a yard—he shall pay the difference out of his wages."

"How stupid I have been!" said Baptiste. "I have sold the cloth for fifteen crowns a yard."

"Indeed! Happy day!" exclaimed the old draper. "You are a fine boy, Baptiste—I am proud of you. Thirty yards: six hundred and thirty francs more profit than I expected."

"Surely you would not take such a mean advantage, godfather," Baptiste remonstrated, drawing back towards the street-door of the shop.

The Purpose

By Grace G. Bostwick

I am what God has made me—God alone,
Hush brother, hear the message of the stone
That waits in patience for His word to move,
"Lo, I am here infinity to prove!"

I am what God intended—God the wise,
Hark sister, as the lark lifts to the skies;
And soaring sings unto the throne of grace,
"Tis God through me is winging into space!"

I am what God has made me—God the just,
See child, the blooming tree with arms outthrust;
The blossoms into fruit must surely grow,
For God is there His fruitfulness to show.

I am what God has made me—God alone,
In very truth I rise to heights unknown;
For all of life and life's eternity,
Is just to know He lives and moves through me!

replied Baptiste with animation; "and, if ever I am prime minister—"

A roar of laughter from the old woolen draper cut short the ardent boy's speech, and made the blood mount to his temples. At length, in the greatest amazement, M. Certain queried, "if what?"

"Pardon me, sir; I spoke foolishly, on the spur of the moment," replied the young apprentice.

"Bah!" said the old man; "let me hear no more of such nonsense. Remember, that here, at my shop, at the sign of the Golden Fleece, your duty is to sell cloth; and you ought to be thankful for having got into so respectable a way of earning a livelihood."

"I will obey you, and attend to business," answered the boy.

"Very well, then," said his master, "put aside your book and listen to me. M. Cenani, the Paris banker, is staying at a certain hotel in our town. He wants to buy some of our best cloth, and you must take these four parcels to him for his inspection. No. 1 is marked three crowns a yard; No. 2, six crowns; No. 3, eight crowns; and No. 4, fifteen crowns a yard. It is dear enough, but it is the very finest Saxony. Set off now to the banker, mind, and make no mistake—charge the full price, and bring back ready money. Moline, the porter, will carry the parcels."

Arriving at the hotel, and telling what their business was, both of them were ushered into the banker's presence.

The banker came forward, and after just touching each piece of cloth with the tips of his fingers, he laid one of the

"Oh! perhaps you want to go shares?" said the dishonest old man. "Certainly, I agree to give you something."

"I cannot agree to any such arrangement," said the young apprentice.

"Bravo! my boy! Well, then, give it all to me," cried M. Certain, rubbing his hands with hopeful glee.

A single bound, and Baptiste had cleared the shop-door threshold into the street, and was running back to the hotel with breathless speed.

"Can I see M. Cenani?" he asked of his valet.

"Not just now," replied that worthy. "My master is dressing; but I will inquire when you can see him."

The valet went to his master's room, and told him who wanted to see him; the boy following closely.

"No," was the answer; "he cannot see me now."

Stepping forward, Baptiste pleaded: "One word, sir—only one word. I have unintentionally imposed upon you, sir. The cloth was only eight crowns a yard, instead of fifteen. Here are the two hundred and ten crowns which you paid me too much. I wish your honor good morning."

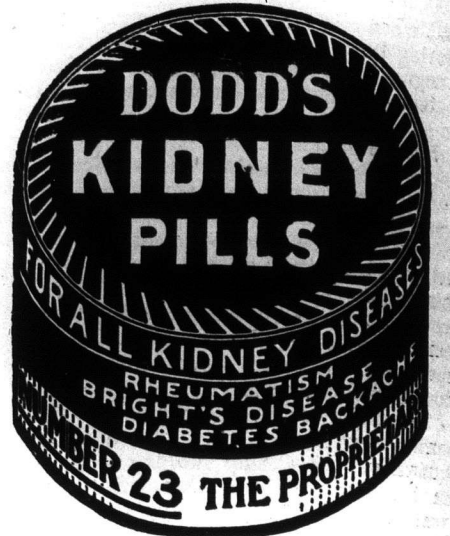
"Stay a moment," cried the banker. "I am no judge of cloth, and I see that you might easily have kept this money for yourself."

"I never thought of that, sir."

"Suppose I were to make you a present of this money?" queried the banker.

"I would not take it, sir," answered Baptiste.

Taking him by the hand, M. Cenani



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