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OVERCOMING OBSTACLES.

Every once in a while we hear of some young man or woman in full possession of the five senses, dolefully exclaim, "Oh, pshaw, there is no use of me trying—I can never learn that."

Perhaps they refer to a lesson in shorthand, a problem in mathematics or some other technical proposition. Simply because they do not grasp the situation at a glance, they become discouraged and cease trying.

The faintest hearted ones would do well to ponder over the story of John Benolken, the Minnesota deaf mute, who has become a stenographer. Inasmuch as stenography is supposed to require a keen sense of hearing, it seems paradoxical that one who can neither hear nor talk could master it.

This resolute young man, instead of devoting his time to bemoaning fate, first of all became an accomplished lip reader. Then he learned shorthand and takes dictation by studying the lip motions of the dictator.

Hasn't this Minnesota deaf mute set a worth-while example for the balance of the world?

The man who makes a pessimistic forecast, who thinks he is sure to fail, declares that the world is going to the "how wows" anyhow, so what's the use, creates defeat out of his very habit of thought.

The limit of a man's attainment is not set by his talent so much as by how he believes in himself and his ability to accomplish what he proposes to do. If a man deprived of hearing and speech can master the intricacies of stenography and extract joy from life while he is doing it, shame be to those who, much better equipped by nature, make spineless surrender at first appearance of misfortune.

Think optimism, practice optimism and your battle is thereby at least half won, no matter what your undertaking may be.

AUTOMOBILES AND DISEASE.

Every virtue, it is said, has a corresponding vice. Every new inven-

tion has in it the germ of a new evil. The Westinghouse air brake, by permitting high speed, increased the number of maimed and dead when trains met in collision. So it is with the automobile.

"On the Diseases Occasioned or Superinduced by the Excessive Use of the Automobile," will be the title of a ponderous medical work to be put forth when the right man gathers the facts. Admitting the thrill of the fast ride and the recreational value of driving a car across the country, man should also admit the new problem raised by the inactivity of muscles formerly accustomed to a degree of bodily exercise. Excess is the American sin. As the automobile saves time, the temptation is to save more time, pile on more work for the jaded brain, use it even when going just around the corner, and carry along the business problem while you are whizzing from home to the office, to social engagements, to church and everywhere else.

A Chicago minister suggested a way of reaching the business men and getting them into the church by catching them for a few minutes' talk as they rode home to dinner. This sort of high pressure on the brain, heart and organs without corresponding physical exercise may save the souls but it is taking some men to untimely graves. Nature's laws cannot be so ruthlessly ignored.

Gladstone felled trees as he ruled England and advanced to a ripe old age. Chamberlain ridiculed exercise and was forced from his seat of power to ride in a wheeled chair. The wise man, ruler of his own personal destinies, will profit by the mistakes of others and in some way, if only by a long walk daily, will prove that he can use the automobile without abusing himself.

THE FARM AND THE CITY.

Herbert Quick and other professional city farmers have been writing pieces for the papers recently on "How to keep the boy on the farm." These writers claim that if the boys are given proper education they will never desert the farm for the city.

An educated person, it is claimed, feels that he can be successful on the farm. An ignorant person longs for the great city, believing that the city possesses more advantages than it really does.

There may be considerable logic in this line of thought. But the thing that has always made and now makes the boy yearn to leave the farm is the long, hard labor and the absence of remuneration. The farmer's son does not believe that he is getting ahead rapidly enough in a financial way, and does not stop to figure the cost of living on the farm. With butter, eggs, flour and fuel practically eliminated from the expense account, the farmer has decided advantage over the city man, who is obliged to buy and pay a long price for everything that he puts into his mouth. The farmer's son looks at his \$10

or \$15 a month as a mere pittance, and he yearns for the city, where he can earn as much in a week, if not more. The cure for most of these boys is to allow them to try it in the city for a short time. Many farmer boys make good in the great cities, but many more fail and are glad to get back to father's old dining room table. This sort of a trial has been a great success in many cases. An increase in the farmers' boys pay would not be a bad idea as a preventative of the city fever.

Indians Celebrate With Whites.

Fort Collins, July 2.—Fort Collins is celebrating her 50th birthday today. It isn't exactly the anniversary, for the town was founded in May of 1864. But at that time of the year, the dry farmers and the lamb feeders are too busy to take the necessary lay-off for a celebration. So it was decided to set the date for July 2. Today, tomorrow, and Saturday, Fort Collins will be thronged with thousands of visitors from all over the Rocky Mountain territory.

Today when the main events of the celebration take place, there will be a big parade of pioneers. A few of the founders of the town still survive, and they will ride in the parade, dressed in garments like those worn when they first set up their sod shanties and started to break the prairie sod. Ox teams, drawing canvas covered prairie schooners, will be the conveyances for the pioneers and their families. Indians will take part in the parade. Every day of the three, there will be wild west sports. Performances by a wild west show will be part of the program, and there will be contests open to all comers, in riding bucking horses, roping steers, and all other feats of the range. Cowpony races, with both men and women jockeys, will be held every day.

Baker Gets New Church.

Baker, July 2.—The members of the L. D. S. church at South Baker are planning to erect a new church building in the near future, which will cost about \$4,000. The new place of worship is to be erected on the site now occupied by the present church and plans for the new building are now being prepared by Contractor W. L. Byles. The structure will be much larger than the present church and will be of ample capacity to care for the increasing membership. It is planned to have the building completed by fall if possible.

Baker Tennis Players Ready.

Bernie Baer, Prescott Lilly and Elmer Sands will be the members of the Baker tennis team who will meet the Rainbow mine players in the tournament tomorrow forenoon. The mine players are said to be exceptionally fast for amateurs and the locals will be forced to their best pace to win the honors. Singles and double matches will be played, the winning team to receive the handsome trophy cup offered as a prize, while the individual winners will also receive prizes of tennis racquets.—Baker Democrat.

Construction Work Begins.

Marshfield, June 30.—"Construction work on the big bridge across Coos Bay will begin very soon."—Supt. Thos. Dixon.

The above is the first time a representative of the MacArthur, Perks & Company has intimated anything of the erection of the span across the bay and, as the Southern Pacific has stated the work would start on July 6, there is little likelihood anything will intervene to prevent the big task being commenced on the date set.

Motorcycle Clubs End Campaign.

New York, July 2.—Many hundreds of new members of the New York State Affiliated Motorcycle Clubs were added to the rolls today when the intensive membership campaign begun last October ended. Much friendly rivalry was shown between organizations, as the Federation of American Motorcyclists offered handsome prizes for individuals and clubs which secured the largest number of new members.

LOST—A brown saddle horse. Branded "H" on left shoulder. Reward offered. Stella T. Hunter. Phone Red 691. 7-2-1f.

NOT "WILL POWER."—SCIENTIST

Mr. King Corrects Editorial Statement in Observer.

Portland, Oregon, June 30, 1914. Editor Observer.—It is a pleasure to note the growing friendliness of the press and of the general public toward Christian science. Its good

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works are compelling acknowledgment of its pure teaching. In a recent editorial of this paper on "being cheerful" the editor referred in a kindly way to Christian science, but unconsciously voiced a popular misconception, when he said that "Christian science teaches us that it is possible to cultivate cheerfulness by will-power."

We do not wish to make a mountain of a molehill, but as no such teaching can be found in any Christian science literature, we believe the editor will be glad to give space to a correction of his statement.

It would seem that nobody needs the teachings of either religion or philosophy to instruct him in the use of his will-power. All mortals use it more or less until they learn its baneful effects. The mission of Christian science is corrective. Its purpose is to wean men away from the use of will-power, and to inculcate a consistent reliance on the divine mind in all situations. The Bible teaches, "Not by might nor power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." Christian science is founded on the Bible, and the uniqueness of its teaching—like that of the Bible—is that God is the power that heals and regenerates, that "the flesh"—human will, material personality, personal magnetism, etc.—"profiteth nothing."

Proofs of the value of Christian science are abundant, and the world has been forced to admit the efficacy of its teachings. But the world seems determined to interpret the modus operandi of those teachings in its own way. It seems to be reluctant to admit it is the divine mind alone that heals and regenerates in every case.

Jesus taught that the human will was as the shifting sand, or weed shaken by the wind. It was he who said "Have faith in God." Christian science is reiterating his marvelous teachings. One advantage of Christian science is that it shows very clearly how to distinguish between the divine spirit and the carnal human will. Christian scientists are cheerful, because they have learned this distinction, because they have learned that the "Comforter" * * * even the spirit of truth, is with them always. This concrete knowledge and all that it implies is an unflinching source of joy and satisfaction. Whatever betides it is a rock upon which to lean.

It is inferred from the above, that Christian science teaches a supine attitude toward life, it may be said that character is not human will, and that Christian science challenges all the character that is in a man in the business of subordinating his fleshly will to God's divine will. A comparison of the characters of Napoleon and Jesus will reveal the absurdity of the assertion that character is will-power. Napoleon was the embodiment of will-

power, but he died in ignominy, because of the very exercise of that will-power. Jesus' life and his departure were sublime. His motto seems to have been "Not my will, but Thine be done," and he said, "But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no

doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you." It is the example of Jesus that Christian scientists are trying to follow, and if they are a happy band of people or have any jewels of character, it may be ascribed to this fact. C. H. S. KING.

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