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THE BOY

This week we print the third of our series of articles on the subject of the boy and one of the main ideas we wish to impress upon your mind this week is to be methodical.

Have a time to do everything that you do. Thus in home work try to do the work you have to do at certain times of the day and keep these times for these duties. This cultivates in you a system which in later years will be of inestimable value. Then, too, have a place for everything and see that that place is kept for the use you intend.

These rules will seem hard at first but later they become easy and they are time savers for you in the long run.

If every boy had a place for every suit of clothes, every pair of shoes, his ties, collars, stockings and hats, just think how many times he would save a hunt from the hall to the garret for that certain article he wants which he cannot find.

We carry this a little farther and ask that the boy be systematic with his garden tools and barn equipment. This means time saving in results and satisfaction to the boy.

There is a big rule that every boy should master and master thoroughly. That rule is "It is no harder to be methodical than it is not to be." Say to yourself every morning, I intend to be methodical, I intend to start now and continue until the method becomes a habit. When it becomes a habit you cannot do otherwise if you wanted to.

Success is built on method. Fortunes are made by method. Great students learn by being methodical in their studies. No big business concern succeeds that has no system and the more perfect the system the more perfect the success. Every bank is an example of a perfect method. Their books must balance every day. Their accounts must be perfectly closed when the balance is made at night. Their accounts must be cautiously examined everyday and a record kept of every transaction and every record must be placed in its proper place. This method becomes easy because it is a necessity. It is just as necessary that the growing boy or girl have a method laid out and then

follow it closely.

Now look around you and see who are successes and who are failures. In your quiet examination, and every boy of common sense can investigate for himself, you will admit, after making this examination, that the best business men keep a record of every business transaction. They can turn to their books at any time and tell just what they did at a certain time about a certain matter and this saves worry and time in many instances.

It should be a part of the school work to teach method and the giving of lessons at certain hours, and the studying of lessons at certain times and for certain defined periods is an example to a small scale but the idea of method is overlooked by the student. He recites at certain times and studies at certain times not because of a method of his own but because fixed rules are made in school and he is following those rules. This is wrong. The boy should be taught the reason for using certain hours for certain work and as a result his subconscious mind becomes imbued with the habit of being methodical and as he becomes methodical in one thing he will become methodical in others but if his studying seems forced on him then he becomes sullen and morose and the opposite effect is produced and it may be that this will follow him through his whole life.

Every boy should begin now to have a method. Don't wait until tomorrow. Every time you put off a duty it makes it just that much easier to put it off again. Every time you perform a duty promptly, it makes it just that much easier to do your next duty promptly. This is what is meant when we say "Procrastination is the thief of time."

SUNNY SLOPE NEWS

Clarence McCaleb was an Independence trader Monday.

Robert Fishback made a business trip to Independence Wednesday.

Chas. Holman and wife were visitors in Monmouth Friday.

Miss Fern Johnson visited with her brother and family of the Luckiamute Thursday.

Sam Henkle of Monmouth was a business visitor here

MYSTERY of the BOULE CABINET BY BURTON E. STEVENSON

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"See there," said Simmonds, "something bit him."

"Bitter almonds!" he said. "Which means prussic acid," said Godfrey, "and not snake poison." He fell silent a moment, his eyes on the swollen hand. "It might, of course, have been self-inflicted," he added, quite to himself.

"A man doesn't usually commit suicide by sticking himself in the hand with a fork," Goldberger said. "No," agreed Godfrey blandly, "but I would point out that we don't know as yet that it is a case of suicide, and I'm quite sure that, whatever it may be, it isn't usual."

"Did any reporter for the Record ever find a case that was usual?" queried the coroner. "It was a shrewd thrust and one that Godfrey might well have winced under. He himself had been accused more than once of a too luxuriant imagination. It

was perhaps a realization of this which had persuaded him years before to quit the detective force and take service with the Record. What might have been a weakness in the first position was a mighty asset in the latter one, and he had won an immense success.

"Please understand that I set this down in no spirit of criticism. I admired sincerely his ready wit, his quick insight and his unshakable aplomb. His former connection with the police and his careful maintenance of the friendships formed at that time gave him an entree to places denied to less fortunate reporters. I had never known him to do a dishonorable thing. Moreover, a lively sense of humor made him an admirable companion.

"We've got our living to make, you know," he said. "We make it as honestly as we can. What do you think, Simmonds?"

"I think," said Simmonds, who, if he possessed an imagination, never permitted it to be suspected, "that those little cuts on the hand are merely an accident. They might have been caused in half a dozen ways. Maybe he hit his hand on something when he fell; maybe he jabbed it on a buckle; maybe he had a boll on his hand and lanced it with his knife."

"What killed him, then?" Godfrey demanded.

"Poison, and it's in his stomach. We'll find it there."

"How about the odor?" Godfrey persisted.

"He spilled some of the poison on his hand as he lifted it to his mouth. Maybe he had those cuts on his hand and the poison inflamed them. Or maybe he's got some kind of blood disease."

Goldberger nodded his approval, and Godfrey smiled as he looked at him.

"I suppose you think this fellow was murdered?" said the coroner. "That's what you said a minute ago."

"Perhaps I was a little hasty," Godfrey admitted, and I suspected that, whatever his thoughts, he had made up his mind to keep them to himself.

"I'm not going to theorize until I've got something to start with. The facts seem to point to suicide, but if he swallowed prussic acid where's the bottle? He didn't swallow that, too, did he?"

"Maybe we'll find it in his clothes," suggested Simmonds.

Thus reminded, Goldberger fell to work looking through the dead man's pockets. The clothes were of a cheap material and not very new, so that, in life, he must have presented an appearance somewhat shabby. There was a purse in the inside coat pocket containing two bills, one for ten dol-

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THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BEN C. CROW, Pastor.

Bible School 10:00 a. m. Morning worship and communion 11:00 a. m. Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Everyone in attendance at the Christian Church last Sunday enjoyed the services both morning and evening. At the morning hour we received another addition to the membership. At the vesper service Miss Katherine Gentle rendered in pleasing manner, "A Dream of Paradise" on the violin. Rev. G. W. of Monmouth was the speaker. We feel these five-thirty services have

been very helpful as all of the sister congregations have had an opportunity to meet with us and we them. After three weeks of this splendid feeling we will return to the seven-thirty hour this Sunday. Mr. Crow will speak at both services.

This Sunday the sermon for the morning hour will be "Our God and his Will." Aside from the regular choral service rendered Mrs. Irvine will sing "Beyond the Dawn" by Sanderson. At the seven-thirty service the theme will be "The World's Hope." We will open our service with the regular song service and Mr. Crow will sing the "Gloria" by Peccia preceding his discourse. You are invited to meet with us at all times. Let everyone in Independence attend some church this Sunday.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Regular Sunday School service at Calvary Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock every Sunday.

Dr. Danmore will again speak Sunday evening at 9:00 p. m. in the Gains' Pool hall immediately following the usual Sunday evening service.

M. E. CHURCH NOTICE

FRANK SANDIFUR, Pastor.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Classes for all ages. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Morning theme "The Baptism with the Holy Spirit." Evening theme "What will you do with Jesus?"

Leaders for the Epworth League will be Mrs. Jessie Skinner. The sermons are upon the most vital themes. Come and let us consider them together. Strangers always welcome.

AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner Third and B Streets
W. T. TAPSCOTT, Pastor.
Residence Fifth and E Streets.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Thursday. Ladies Aid 2:00 p. m. Mission Circle 1st Thursday afternoon of each month.

The special services at the revival meeting in the Baptist church are as follows:

Converts meeting Friday afternoon 4:00 o'clock Address by the Evangelist to the S. S. on Sunday morning. Three services on the Lord's day. Morning and evening as usual sermons by the Evangelist.

On Sunday afternoon 2:30, a Family Day service in which all parents are heartily invited to bring all the children and families sit together as far as possible. Mr. Jones will preach a sermon on "The Old Fashioned Home"

W. C. T. U. COLUMN

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The Womens Christian Temperance Union held their meeting with Miss Serepta Richardson Monday afternoon to further their plans of work. Many things of interest to the work was read by the members from state papers showing our women are reading and posting themselves on the issues of the day. Mrs. Hall and Miss Richardson served a lunch which was enjoyed by all and the hour for social chat passed quickly away. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. George Whiteaker, Monday afternoon at three o'clock. All are invited to attend these meetings.

The L. T. L. held a very pleasant meeting Sunday afternoon at the M. E. church. The children had reports on flower mission and mercy department and will take notice of the line of narcotics and report results to the superintendent at each meeting. Literature will be given for distribution in the near future for the homes represented.