

## Lessons In Germany's Rise For Impatient American Youth

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THERE ARE POTENT LESSONS TO BE LEARNED BY THE YOUNG MEN OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY FROM THE RAPID RISE OF THE NEW GERMANY AMONG THE WORLD POWERS. This rise is not due, as many would have you believe, to the power or influence of the kaiser. It is due, indeed, in great part to the development of scientific industry.

THE YOUTH OF AMERICA IS ANXIOUS TO SUCCEED, TO GET AHEAD, TO SHOW RETURNS FOR HIS ENTERPRISE AND HIS EFFORTS, BUT HE LACKS PATIENCE. HE WANTS TO SEE HIS INVESTMENTS TREBLE AND QUADRUPLE THEMSELVES AT ONCE. HE EXPECTS TOO RAPID RESULTS FROM HIS TIME AND LABOR. HE LACKS THE APPLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRY.

The Germans have learned that the greatest good to the whole people and to the country at large comes only through putting into the common granary with the right hand for the COMMON BENEFIT more than they take out for their individual benefit with the left hand.

Sound morals and the ability to WORK, WORK, WORK, doing all that can be done with science to aid, converting a barren sandy soil into rich producing areas, thinking seriously on the great problems of life, eschewing the frivolous teachings and literature and WORKING WITH THE PURPOSE IN VIEW OF BETTERING THE WHOLE PEOPLE, thus "new Germany" has been transformed.

THE YOUTH OF THIS COUNTRY MAY WELL LOOK TO THE FUTURE FOR SUPREMACY, EVEN WITH THE VAST AND ALMOST UNLIMITED RESOURCES AT THEIR COMMAND, UNLESS THEY LEARN THE LESSON SO PATIENTLY TAUGHT BY THIS RISING POWER.

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### STORIES OF THE STAGE.

#### A Splendid Accident Averted and an Actor Who Dined Too Well.

Here is an incident that was related by the late Bram Stoker, for many years manager to Irving of the production of "Hamlet" at the Lyceum in London.

On the second night of the performance the Chinese ambassador and Sir Halliday Macartney came to see Irving in his dressing room, and presently the ambassador, who was wearing magnificent robes of mandarin yellow, wandered off in the direction of the stage. The ambassador was close to the edge of the arch at the back of the scene, where Ophelia had made her entrance and would make her exit. Mr. Stoker "jumped for him and just succeeded in catching him before he had passed into the blaze of the limelight. I could fancy the sudden amazement of the audience and the wild roar of laughter that would follow when in the midst of this most sad and pathetic of scenes would enter unheralded this gorgeous anachronism."

Mr. Stoker confessed that he was tempted to let the splendid accident occur. "Its unique grotesqueness would have insured a widespread publicity not to be acquired by ordinary forms of advertisement."

On another occasion a very different and very painful contretemps did occur. The actor who took the part of Polonius on entering gave his first line with so strange an intonation that Irving at once signed to the prompter to let fall the act drop, came forward and apologized to the audience and restaged the play with a new Polonius—London Graphic.

### WOMEN AND CARD GAMES.

#### In Chile Such a Combination Would Create a Sensation.

A woman who is a native of Chile was talking recently about the difficulty she had in accustoming herself to card playing among women when she came to this country. She said:

"In Chile card playing among women is undreamed of. Perhaps it is not too much to say that a Chilean woman would not more play cards than a New York woman would enter a Broadway saloon. It isn't that it is exactly or wholly a matter of morals with us. It just isn't the thing to do. It is not conventional."

"When I came to New York I brought my daughter-in-law with me, a Chilean girl. She and I were both horribly shocked to receive an invitation to a bridge party in the daytime. It was too much for us, and we declined. Other similar invitations came and kept coming. Finally our curiosity got the best of us, and we went to one of these affairs. Even after we got over our sense of outraged convention the whole thing seemed curious to us."

"The funniest sight of all was the women with little tags on them, as if marked by fast express," or running up to another woman with a little card to be "punched." Finally we got sufficiently accustomed to "take a hand," not even yet I never do it with out a covert feeling that I am putting myself beyond the pale."—New York Post.

#### Handicapped.

"Ah tell yo," said the negro who was working on the man's shoes, "woman is a peculiar thing. Yo' gotta know jest how to handle huh or yo' gotta get the worst of it. Lots of times she'll git mad at yo' an' then yo' gotta talk to huh. Talk to huh—that's the way to nastah huh. She won't stand fo' no beatin' or nothin' lak that. Talk to huh. That's the way Ah handle ma wife."

Another negro working next to him looked up. "Whah did yo' git that black eye yo' got, Rufe?" he asked. "Well, ma wife done it, but"— "Why didn't yo' talk to huh?" "How could Ah?" came from the first. "She had me by the throat wif ma wind shot off."—New York Telegraph.

#### Cracks in the Floor.

There are several ways of stopping the cracks in a floor between boards that have shrunken apart. One is to tear newspapers into small bits and soak them in flour paste, having the paste warm. Str this until thick and fill the crack with it, using a broad knife to smooth the paste down into the cracks. Or sawdust and glue may be used with the same result. To a pound of glue allow a gallon of water, and when melted stir into it fine sawdust until it is stiff paste. Fill the cracks with this, packing it as solidly as possible, smoothing even with a broad knife.

#### A Crusher.

Cleveland once made a joke. An effusive politician burst in upon him and exclaimed loudly, "Mr. President. I owe you an apology." "What for?" said Cleveland. "For not having called upon you earlier, sir." "Well," said Cleveland, curtly, "I haven't been lonesome."

#### Fairy Stories.

Mr. Bacon—When a woman tells a fairy story she always begins like this, "Once upon a time." Mrs. Bacon—Yes, and when a man tells a fairy story he always begins like this: "There, now, dear, don't be angry with me. You see, it was like this."—Yonkers Statesman.

Didn't Have to Make Her. "Well, I saw my wife off for the West Indies this morning." "Jamalen?" "No, she went of her own accord."—Princeton Tiger.

### A CHANCERY ROMANCE.

#### Helping a Friend, He Unearthed a Fortune For Himself.

Perhaps there is no more curious chapter in the history of the chancery courts than that of two Pittsburgh men. The first had a claim to a small estate abroad, but he did not have the money to pay the claim agency to make a search, so he got a friend to back him.

This friend's name was Peterman, and the money he advanced was like a grub stake—he was gambling on his friend's claim proving up.

One day when Peterman was at the claim agency office he came upon this advertisement in the agency files: "Peterman (Albertus), musician, born in Amsterdam in 1820, son of Charles Frederick and Henrietta Suzanna Gasman. Left for Liverpool in 1850. He is sought for inheritance by M. Contot, avocat, 21 Boulevard St. Germain, Paris."

That was the inception of the famous "Kinsey docks" case, the name coming from the fact that the original Peterman was last seen at Kinsey docks, in Liverpool. The claim agency took the matter in hand, traced Peterman's lineage back and enabled him to establish a good claim to an inheritance of \$200,000.

That was a case of fortune being thrust upon a man. — Lewis Edwin Thells in Harper's Weekly.

### JOB FOR THE INDIGENT.

#### Swiss Method of Solving the Problem of the Unemployed.

In Switzerland the people act upon the theory that a man who is unemployed is, if left to himself, liable to become a waste by being a subject of charity and a tax upon the community. Therefore the problem is considered as an economic question.

The purpose is to assist the unfortunate unemployed to secure work, not only for the sake of his family, but in the interests of the state. There is no toleration for the loafer. Begging is prohibited by the law, and vagrancy is classified as a crime.

If an unemployed person does not make a serious effort to find work the authorities will find it for him, and he is compelled to perform it. If he refuses he is placed in the workhouse, where strict discipline is maintained and every inmate is required to work to his full capacity, receiving therefor his board and lodging and from 5 to 10 cents a day in wages.

There are also institutions where temporary employment is furnished to persons out of work, through no fault of their own, and comfortable accommodations and some money compensation given until they can find more remunerative wages.—Chicago Tribune.

#### Motherly Advice.

"My dear, you mustn't be so sharp with strange young men. You know you may give them a wrong impression."

"What's the matter now, mother?" "You scarcely spoke a word to that young man you were introduced to last evening."

"I didn't like his way, mother." "Did you know him?" "No, I'd never met him before." "Do you know anything about him?" "Nothing, except that he seemed to me to be very impertinent."

"Still, you shouldn't have snubbed him, at least until you had learned more about him. Once I snubbed a young man that way without knowing who he was, and I regretted it ever after, because I found out later that he was very rich. I might have married him if I had been more careful."—Detroit Free Press.

#### Why Bruises Become Black and Blue.

The color of blood is due chiefly to iron in the little blood cells. When the iron is kept in these little blood cells, which are living and traveling around in the blood vessels, the color is red. Hit the skin hard enough to break some of the little blood vessels beneath the surface and the little red cells escape from the injured blood vessels, wander about for awhile in the tissues and die. When they die the iron that made them red before then changes to black and blue coloring. After awhile this iron is taken up by the glands called the lymphatics and made over again into nice red cells. The iron is taken up very much more quickly by the lymphatics if the black and blue spot is rubbed and massaged.—St. Nicholas.

#### His Painful Debut.

"I shall not easily forget my debut," Sir Charles Wyndham said on one occasion. "We opened at Washington, and I appeared as a character who had to declare, 'I am drunk with love and enthusiasm.' Having uttered the first three words, I was seized with stage fright and said no more. This is what I read in a New York paper the next morning: 'A Mr. Wyndham represented a young man from South America. He had better go there himself.'"

#### Riches and Contentment.

"Contentment is better than riches," said the ready-made philosopher. "True," replied Mr. Dustin Stax, "but my observation is that a man who is rich has a better chance of becoming content than a man who is contented has of becoming rich."—Washington Star.

#### Alike, Yet Different.

Mrs. Youngbride—My husband is very determined. He never gives up. Mrs. Kioselst (sadly)—Neither does mine.—Boston Globe.

You can do in a second what it takes years to get over regretting.—New York Press.



## Church Doesn't Need a Press Agent

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I DO not feel much sympathy with the idea of applying to religion those methods of PUBLICITY which have no doubt served a very useful purpose in the fields of commerce and politics. The message which religion bears to mankind is of a closely INTIMATE AND PERSONAL CHARACTER. Its appeal is to the spiritual element in man, and for my part I cannot associate the teachings of Christ with the kind of public advertisement which is the business of the PRESS AGENT.

PEOPLE CANNOT BE MADE RELIGIOUS, EXCEPT IN A VERY SUPERFICIAL WAY, BY PUBLICITY METHODS. THEY MUST HAVE DEFINITE AND POSITIVE CONVICTIONS AS THE BASIS OF CHARACTER AND CONDUCT, RESULTING IN THE WILL TO LEAD CLEAN, PURE AND UNSELFISH LIVES.

Nor do I believe that religion is in such a case today that it needs the QUESTIONABLE AID OF EXPLOITATION BY WAY OF ADVERTISEMENT. There has never been a time, in my opinion, when men as well as women have shown themselves more interested in questions of religion, which must necessarily appeal to all thoughtful people and which cannot be dismissed from their consideration, than they are today. They may not have definite and fixed religious opinions, but they would like to have them.

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