

Be a Thinker and a Gentleman

Success Will Be Your Reward

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TO become a successful man BE A THINKER. At the same time BE A GENTLEMAN, using your thinking qualities for the benefit of yourself and for the good of your fellow man.

The one great way of making yourself a thinker is to THINK. Thinking is a practical art. It cannot be taught. It is learned by doing. Yet there are some subjects in the course which seem to be better fitted than others to teach you this art.

CONCENTRATION IN THE THINKER, CLEARNESS, COMPREHENSIVENESS, COMPLEXEDNESS, CONSECUTIVENESS, CONTINUITY—THESE ARE THE SIX BIG C'S WHICH ARE MARKS OF THE SUBJECTS WHICH TEND TO CREATE THE THINKER.

Of course you are and of course you will be a gentleman. In the creation of the gentleman as well as of the thinker the PERSONAL EQUATION COUNTS. In fact, it counts more in the making of the gentleman, for in this making truth is less important than the PERSONALITY.

As a gentleman YOU WILL BE A FRIEND AND WILL HAVE FRIENDS. In this relation of friendship in its earlier stages there is no part of life in which it is more important for you to exercise the virtue and grace of reserve.



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Campfire is said to be obnoxious to mice, and putting it in the places they frequent will sometimes make them leave.

It is advisable to place a box of grit or coarse sand where the turkeys can find it, as not all farms have sufficient quantity for the purpose of good digestion.

Old folks have their trials. It's true, but few of them equal in sharpness of disappointment that of the small boy who is compelled to stay at home on circus day to weed in the garden.

It is a good time about now to prune back the raspberry canes of this year's growth. If the job is done it will tend to thicken the stalks and cause them to put forth lateral shoots which will give a greater bearing capacity for next year.

The right time to put a strain on a wire fence is when it is being stretched the first time. If you can "lay to" with all your might with a good stretcher without pulling up the end posts you have done your work like a man.

In business life, covering many vocations, promotion usually comes to the one who at any given time is doing a little more rather than a little less than he is paid for doing. It is a truth it is well for the young man and woman to remember.

Turn a small boy loose in a patch of onions, and the way he does the work of weeding can be taken as a pretty accurate index not only of the way he gets his studies in school, but likewise of the way he will be likely to do his work when he gets to be a man.

The dry mash method of feeding chicks and poultry has this decided advantage over the old fashioned wet mash, that it does not sour and spoil and cause intestinal trouble. The reason for this is that ferment bacteria work in wet mash, but not in dry.

If it is impossible to provide the flock of hens with shade from growing things during the scorching summer days they will appreciate that made by stretching a good sized piece of sheeting or canvas over some part of the yard. This is more humanity to dependent things that can do nothing for themselves.

WILDS OF ENGLAND.

Devonshire's Rolling Slopes Are a Wilderness in Winter.

The western quarter of England has a set of literary associations second to no other district, not even the far famed lakes of Cumberland and Westmoreland. The "Quillier-Couch country," which is Cornwall; the "Blackmore country," which is North Devon; the "Kingsley country," which is all Devonshire, and the "Hardy country," which is Dorset, will be found underrated rather than overrated in beauty and interest, which are greatly increased by their associations with "Lorna Doone" or "Tess of the d'Urbervilles."

The two great Devonshire towns Exmoor and Dartmoor are particularly beautiful and offer a happy hunting ground to the artist. It seems strange that spaces of such wildness exist within the restrained and highly cultivated boundaries of southern England. The casual visitor would find it difficult to believe that on these splendid rolling slopes, purple with heather in August, people go astray and die of starvation every winter.

No visitor to England can afford to miss a visit to Devonshire, which around May especially is one of the most beautiful bits of country in Europe.—Exchange.

UNWRITTEN BOOKS.

Thackeray and Conan Doyle Both Found Themselves Forestalled.

How strange are literary coincidences occasionally is illustrated in the case of Thackeray and Conan Doyle. Thackeray says: "I came near writing a book on the same subject, 'Les Trois Mousquetaires,' and taking M. d'Artagnan for my hero. D'Artagnan was a real character of the age of Louis XIV. and wrote his own memoirs. I remember picking up a dinky copy of them on an old bookstall in London, price sixpence, and intended to make something of it. But Dumas got ahead of me. He snags up everything."

A coincidence quite as remarkable occurred with Sir Conan Doyle for central figure. He learned while spending a holiday in a mountain inn in Switzerland that during the winter months for some reason two men remained in occupation. For four or five months they were isolated from the rest of the world. Suppose one of them went mad or committed suicide or—The possibilities were endless. He forthwith determined to embody the idea in a story. On his way home he happened to pick up a book of tales by Maupassant. There, in it, under the title "L'Auberge," he found himself forestalled in every particular.

An Old London Dining Club.

An old London dining club, the Dilettanti, was founded in 1733. This at one time was an extremely wealthy club, for, in addition to their subscription, members had to pay a fine when any money was bequeathed them. In 1799 the Dilettanti had £10,000 in hand. Soon after its foundation Horace Walpole wrote that "the qualification for the Dilettanti is having been in Italy and the real one being drunk." It has grown respectable with years, but even now, when a new member is balloted, all the members have to make a complete circuit of the dining table before placing the ball in the box. And a rule still survives that "every member who shall produce on the table a dish of tea or coffee must pay into the general fund a guinea for every such drink.—London Spectator.

St. Paul's, London.

London's great downtown cathedral, between Fleet street and Chancery, stands like a huge rock fair amid the sea of traffic that wash up Ludgate hill from the Strand and on the east to the Bank of England; different from the Abbey, which stands remote at Westminster. St. Paul's was rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren after the great fire of 1666. It is 516 feet long and 219 feet wide; took twenty-two years to build until the time of opening and thirteen years more for completion. St. Paul's is the tomb of many great men. Over the north door is the inscription, "Lector si monumentum requiris, circumspice."—"Reader, if you seek this monument, look about you."

Willing to Be One.

"What?" began the father explosively. "You want to marry my daughter? You, who haven't a penny on earth? You, who aren't worth a penny? You? Sir, let me ask you this: Don't you know that my daughter is accustomed to all the luxuries of wealth?" "Yes, sir," replied the suitor, calmly. "But ain't I one of 'em?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mean Thing.

"No," said Miss Passy, "I don't like the photos Kaurer made for me. They make me look like a woman of forty."

"Well," replied Miss Pepprey, "you should have told him not to touch them up if you didn't want them to look so youthful!"—Philadelphia Press.

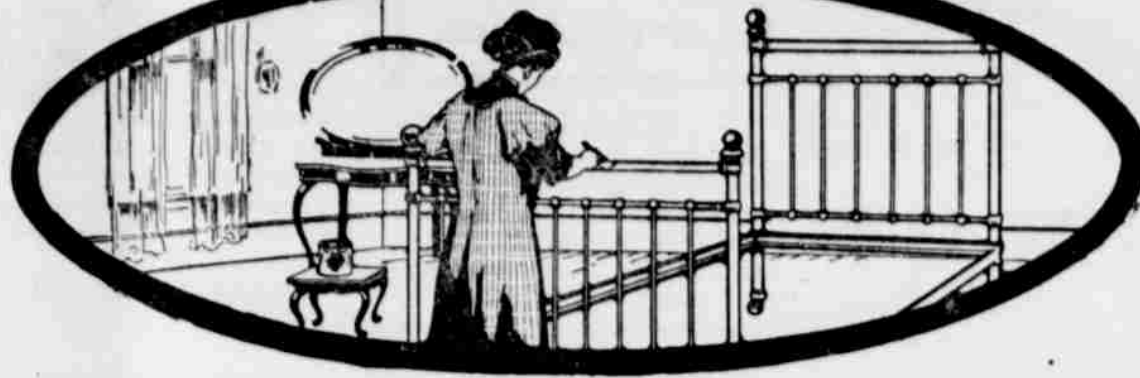
Painful Proof.

"What are you crying about, Willie?" "One of the boys called me 'teacher's pet,' and I went 'an' told her, an' she felled me to prove I wasn't."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Too Much Light.

Daughter—I love him. He is the light of my life. Father—Well, that's all right, but I object to having my house lit up by him after midnight.

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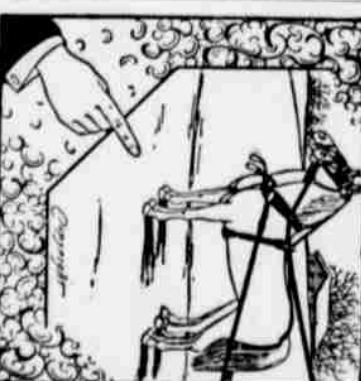
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