

Captain Careful and Mr. Goeasy.

The world is ruled by men of action—that is, by men who think wisely and act promptly. The successes in all lines, factory or farm, are composed of men of definite purpose, who decide promptly and proceed to execute their designs with energy. The captains of industry are those who do things well, and these it will be found on examination, did small things well before they were entrusted with the greater. Such men are not afraid of working overtime. They are not always looking at the clock. Neither are they found in organizations perpetually clamoring for an eight-hour day and a half holiday. They keep at things until they get them done, whether it takes six or sixteen hours a day. Positions are always awaiting the man who knows how to do things well, how to keep the machinery going, and has an eye out for repairs. It is results that count, and unless a man accomplishes things his labor is in vain and he amounts to nothing in the long run.

Go on a farm where Mr. Goeasy and his wife, Mrs. Slipshod, are running things and take an inventory. You will find the fences down, the gates needing repairing, no whitewash on the buildings and everything down at the heels. Every thing has a lazy look. The very chickens seem unable to scratch with vigor, the stock show need of currying-combs, the weeds have "taken things" and the whole place seems to be going to ruin. Where is the machinery? Out in the weather accumulating rust. What's the condition of the vehicles? The wagon has a wheel off, the buggy hasn't been painted for a "coon's age," the harrows teeth have been knocked out, and the plows are out of date. This is an extreme picture, but on many other farms not so bad, there will be plain evidences of thoughtlessness, lack of care and a general thriftlessness. Hardly lives old man Painstaker. Everything in and about his premises looks spunk and span new. The house is new, the machinery is new, the carriages are new, the sheds are fresh painted, the grass around the yards and the fields without weeds. Mrs. Painstaker is a trim little woman, with neatness in every article of attire, a quick step, a sharp eye and an air of smartness in every movement. No slovenliness around that woman's dairy. The pans shine like burnished gold, the churn, when not in use, is clean as a new pin, the very cans have an air of neatness and vigor which bespeak rich milk and good butter. Inquire in town and you will find that Mr. Painstaker is evidently a man who knows how to do things and does them.

There is always a lion in the path of the sluggard. The fence is always too high for him to jump, the road too long for him to haul, the work too much crowded to be done on time. His characteristics are looseness of thought and scattering of purpose. He is always behind time. There are plenty of opportunities, never more than right now, for the ready, the willing and the able. But if they were plentiful as blackberries Mr. Threesome and Mr. Careless would never find them. They don't belong to the do-things class. Unfortunately the larger class is tinctured more or less with this constitutional inefficiency, while the real work of the world is left to the comparatively few. The ambitious boy or man, whether in the city or on the farm, will look up, "hitch his wagon to a star" and determine to join the company commanded by Captain Courageous.

Boost For "Billey."

John Kemble, who owns a fine farm near Muscatine, Ia., stocked with several thousand head of Angoras, is a great goat enthusiast. He declares that goat's meat is far superior to mutton and the fleece quite valuable. Mr. Kemble blames the funny papers for the "bad odor" in which the goat has fallen, though people with sensitive nostrils may insist that a good deal of the "odor" is an emanation from the goat itself. However this may be, Mr. Kemble is inclined to grow indignant because the ribald jokers of the press for ages have been poking fun at "Billey and his whiskers," slandering his supposed appetite for tin cans and otherwise casting ridicule on this guileless quadruped. The goat, however, has struggled against the bad name given him, and when he has lived down this reputation for mischief and misfit food Mr. Kemble insists that he will grow into such popularity that the spring lamb won't be in it with the kid. Billey is going to return good for evil by making his maligners rich. It is the Angora kind, however, which is a much more gentlemanly breed than the kind kept in livery stables to neutralize all other odors by his own superior smell.

But let us quote Mr. Kemble's glowing tribute to his goatship:

"The silken mohair and the delicate, tender flesh of the Angora goat are beginning to be well recognized in commerce. The saying is that the Angora will pick up dollars off the bushes and put them in the bank for their owners. It is almost literally true. And what cleaner and more appetizing spectacle than the herb eating goat; surely the flesh of such an animal must be superior as an edible. They require no extraordinary food. They clean brush land off of farms like no other agency, even better than fire; they furnish fine food, they furnish a valuable product in the shape of the fleece clip and their hides make very fine robes and rugs which are coming into great demand and bring prices away up. That is the utility of the goat and it is worth considering from a business point of view.

"It perhaps isn't well known, but I have read that the plushes used in car seats are almost exclusively made from mohair. Large quantities are used in upholstering furniture, also carriage robes, sofa pillows and a large number of other articles of common use are made of the fleece of goats. The skin make the most handsome rugs when the skin is taken when the fleece is about five inches in length. I never saw anything more handsome. Muffs and trimmings for coats are made from the goat hides. "But the growing value of the goat is in the meat and the fleece. The prejudice against goat meat will soon disappear before its delicious character. The sheep must be butchered just exactly right or the meat is tainted with what is called the sheep taste; not so with the goat. The flesh is delicious because the animal is a ruminant and eats leaves and bushes and twigs, the most succulent part of the growing vegetation and further removed from any contamination."

The American Hen.

The great American hen is holding up her end in maintaining the supremacy of American institutions. An international egg laying contest was inaugurated by the government agricultural college at Sydney, Australia. The Australians thought their hens were something on the lay, and wanting to confirm their good opinion, invited the breeders of England, France, Germany, America and several other countries to send over their best poultry to be handsomely beaten at the nest. Three coops of six hens each were sent over from this country. They were sent early to give the hens a chance to recuperate from the long journey and to become acclimated, and then the contest was begun. The following from a Sydney dispatch tells the results:

"So rapidly grew the pile of white eggs from the three American coops when the word 'go' was given, that inside of a week the other nationalities were left hopelessly in the rear."

The American hen won. She scattered gravel all over the rival hens from other lands and won in a cackle. When even the hens uphold the glory of the star-spangled banner it seems a waste of time to go very deep into despair over the country's future.

Further fighting occurred near Sorovitch yesterday, the Turkish troops coming into collision at the village of Kaiier with a large insurgent band. Twenty-four Turkish battalions have been ordered to proceed to the revolutionary districts in Macedonia from Anatolia. Rushi Pasha passed through Salonica today with two battalions on his way to Monastir.

The Victorian Women's Federal Political Association announces the candidature of its president at the approaching Senate election, says a Times dispatch from Melbourne, by way of London. The constitution in giving the franchise to men only used the word "he" in the clause defining qualifications for the senate. The Federal Parliament has since enfranchised women and it is now claimed the word "he" includes the feminine gender. Eminent lawyers consider the women's claim valid.

The Balkan situation has assumed a more serious aspect in the eyes of the British officials. No authoritative statement as to the British attitude can be obtained pending the receipt of information regarding the length to which Russia will go in exacting reparation for the murder of the Russian Consul at Monastir. It is expected, however, that the Russian demand for the punishment of the murderer and the responsible officials will be followed by others of greater international importance and affecting the whole Balkin situation.

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