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THE BREAD OF IDLENESS.

IDLE BREAD IS DANGEROUS bread. It is poison. The bread that is not earned builds knaves, fools, criminals. The bread of idleness is the narcotic of virtue, usefulness, decency. It is moulded by weakness and eaten by selfishness. Those who feel it are the worst enemies of their own blood; those who eat turn to snap like wolves at the hands that fed them.

Still the weakness that provides and the lazy gluttony that thrives on it increases. Foolish fondness keeps on ruining young men and young women who might amount to something and be useful to themselves and others. Fathers work beyond the natural years of labor and beyond the limits of their strength to keep lazy louts in idleness, to pay for the clothes they wear, earn the food they eat, hoping against hope and assuming a false burden of paternity. The cheap pool hall knows the type; the saloons know him; he is a familiar face in the five cent crap game; the scarlet woman knows and despises him even in her shame. He is a "cheap skate." His father holds him up.

If he manages to get hold of a few dollars by hook or crook—mostly by crook—he invests in glaring clothes, wears an imitation "spark," swaggers about the resorts between meals and goes home to eat three times a day. Sooner or later he steals. He must steal if he will not work for he must gratify his vices. They are his whole life. He lives entirely within them. They enclose his aspirations, his hopes, his future, all that he is or expects to be. His mind travels round and round in a circle of vicious pleasures. Is it any wonder he steals? How can he help it? His moral atmosphere is a stench. When he goes to the gutter none pity him. When he lands in the penitentiary all are relieved. The only sympathy extended is toward his "hardworking parents." And most of that is undeserved.

He has his sex type. She flaunts in ribbon along the street. You can see her any night perched in a stairway away from the light, with him. Her mother has washed the dishes at home and is waiting for her, wondering why she ever bore children. She doesn't do her own ironing. She lies in bed of a morning, getting rested for the next midnight prowling about town. Her face is bold, her manner flippant, her eyes hard with a knowledge she were better without. About the time he goes to the pen she seeks a maternity home. And her old father and mother shun the eyes of their neighbors.

Have you a boy growing into the type? Set him to work while opportunity endures. Don't try to make a silk purse of a sow's ear. Set him to work. Exercise the ordinary common sense you would employ were he your neighbor's son. There is only one thing that can reform him. Work. Hard work. Plenty of it. If necessary turn him out to shift for himself. Man first learned the sweets of labor in the fear of starvation.

Young man, are you going that way? Are you in training for the rage of a tramp or the triped garb of a convict? Quit it now and go to work. Size up your older associates. Do you care to recruit their ranks? There are only two ways. Size up the crows that turn either way at the cross roads and take

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

No man that imparteth his joys to his friend, but he joyeth the more; and no man that imparteth his griefs to his friend, but he grieveth the less. —Bacon.

TOMORROW.

There is a day which never comes. To light the morning sky. But in our thoughts alone it lives. And there may never die. It holds our hopes of future bliss, Our aspirations high, And life itself is but a point In that eternity— Tomorrow.

Each sunset brings us nearer that Which earth shall not behold. Where, far beyond the eastern hills And through the clouds of gold, We see a glimpse of brighter hours That tongue of bard has told. When marks of time will be effaced. When men will not grow old— Tomorrow.

—Wilbur Daniel Spencer.

Some Coos Bay people eat as though they were fattening themselves for market.

There is sweetness in a Coos Bay woman's smile at a dry goods store that her husband never sees.

When Coos Bay girls rave about a man when he first comes to town, in three months they want to set the dog on him.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who puzzled his brain with trying to discover the costmark of the store keeper he traded with?

There are a good many kinds of loafers, and none of them suit busy people very well, but the dignified loafer is the one that makes the worker most angry.

"The American rat," says the Los Angeles Times, "has become a positive menace to our civilization. The rodent not only spreads disease, but he is eating up the public libraries. What are we going to do about it?" Oh, tell your troubles to Andrew Carnegie.

"Well, sir," remarked Frank Parsons today, "I woke up last night with a start. I dreamed that my watch was gone."

"Well, was it?" asked Geo. Goodrum.

"No; but when I looked at it it was going."

Promptly up went a boy's hand and he shouted: "The fatted calf!"

They tell of a Marshfield young man who was going down street with a girl. She was one of the kind who believes in the power of the gentle hint, and as they passed a candy store she said:

"Doesn't that candy smell good?"

"Yes," the man replied, "let's stop here and smell it a while."

Little Johnny who had been praying for some months for God to send him a baby brother, finally became discouraged. "I don't believe God has any more little boys to send," he told his mother, "and I am going to quit it."

Early one morning not long after this he was taken into his mother's room to see twin boys who had arrived in the night. Johnny regarded them thoughtfully for some minutes. "Gee," he finally remarked, "it's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."

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MILK CONDENSARY OPENS FOR SEASON

North Bend Factory Expects to Double Output—Will Pay Higher Prices.

The Coos Bay Condensing Company of North Bend, opened today for the season's run under most favorable auspices. Mr. A. B. Stewart who is acting manager of the company during the absence of J. H. Keating, who is taking medical treatment in Portland, expressed himself as well pleased with the outlook. They are not only paying better prices than last year but are also making preparations for doubling their capacity over last season's output.

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December	1.60

WILL MAKE A FIGHT.

J. H. Flournoy, of Coos, to Show Son a Trick or Two.

The Roseburg News says: "Jones H. Flournoy, an old-time resident of this county, has been visiting with many friends this week. He has been looking after those friends who have known him longest and most intimately, and in this he has a notion. Elyses Flournoy, a son of "Jones," it appears, has for some time been anxious to obtain legal control over the actions of his father, particularly in the matter of the handling of the old man's finances. With this end ahead of him Elyses some time ago instituted suit in the Coos county court asking to be appointed his father's guardian, alleging that the old gentleman was not competent to take care of himself, as well as divers other things supposed to be strikingly convincing to county judges in favor of the plaintiff. But Flournoy, Sr., appeared on the scene in rebuttal, and won out, much to the son's chagrin. Now the same case, with the same purpose, is to be tried in this county. The case comes up before County Judge Woonacott next Saturday morning, and Mr. J. H. Flournoy will be on hand with his witnesses. He informs a reporter of this paper. He says he has always made his own living, has endeavored to treat his neighbors right, troubles nobody, pays his way but wastes nothing, and would rather have his money in his own hands than in the hands of someone else. There is lots of grit in the old man yet, and those who know him, and hear his side of the story, cannot but wish him luck in his opposition to this second effort to prove he is old and consequently careless."

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