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HAPPINESS HARD TO BEAT.

I.
Shady tree where the furrow ends
And a melon cool and sweet;
And whet your knife!
And bet your life
It's happiness hard to beat!

II.
Fine umbrella in a shady tree,
Where the lights and shadows flit;
And a mockingbird,
With a singing-word
In the very top of it!

III.
And the troubles of life seem far away,
An' the toll is sweet to me,
With a morsel meet
For a king to eat,
And a song, and a shady tree!
—Frank L. Stanton.

A WORD TO THE FARMER.

The farm land of Unadilla county has just finished a bumper yield and the farmers are pleased with their broad acres. It is possible that if they possessed a poetic muse they would burst into song that the wonders of their lands might be more celebrated. Lest in the exultation of their prosperity they forget the fate of some of their forerunners in the soil tilling business, it is only wise to point out that other farmers in other days and on other lands have enjoyed the same prosperity and yet have lived to see their lands yield to them but a scant existence. Statistics show that already 4,000,000 acres of land in the United States, once the richest and most productive in the whole world, have been pauperized because they have been drained of those soil ingredients which are the prime essentials to vegetable growth. Will the time ever come when the fertile wheat land of this section will be added to this exhausted and wasted area? Let us hope not but the salvation lies with the farmer. He who takes and nothing gives is but of little service to the world. He is little better than a robber for he is a despoiler and posterity is made to suffer by his acts. Conservation of the soil is of as much moment as the conservation of timber and coal.

COLLEGES AND LUXURY.

Yale University has ordered wealthy students to abandon luxurious dormitories after next summer, according to the spokesman-Review.

If the statement square with the facts, the order makes in favor of simplicity and truer, finer living in all American colleges.

The world-wide tendency toward luxury life on the lover of "plain living and high thinking," when he sees luxury in the homes of learning. His feeling may perhaps not be defensible in terms, but his instinct knows itself to be sound and justifiable. If Yale, a leader among universities, and a favorite of eastern fashion and wealth, aims against luxury among the students, the influence of the good example will radiate through every college of the United States.

Efficiency is the object of education—not "practical" efficiency merely, but spiritual efficiency. Frugality is contributory to efficiency, luxury hostile. At Oxford University there is a college whose expensiveness is so great that Rhodes scholars though receiving \$1500 a year, can not live there. It is more than mere coincidence that this college is not distinguished either in scholarship or even in athletics.

When American colleges became so fashionable that rich men's boys expended four times as much money there each year as the average man can earn after he graduates, different sets of society arose within the schools and raised varying standards of living. This is undemocratic and unhealthy. An institution of education is the last place for social distinctions based on money. Universities, schools and colleges ought not to tolerate them.

The United States naval and military academies, at West Point and Annapolis, respectively, hold up the ideal of democracy in social life toward which all schools of civic training should strive. A cadet at West Point may be the son of a millionaire, but he enjoys no extrinsic advantages over the cadet who is the son of a laborer.

Talk about the Indian being unable to absorb the processes of civilization! Clifford George certainly demonstrated that the ways of the white man can be adopted and improved upon. Witness his newest method of securing money. What white man ever thought of representing himself as dead and wiring for money for burial?

The grand cowboy street dance will be a fitting finale to the greatest wild west show on earth. "On with the dance, let joy be unconfined," and "Let 'er buck."

It now remains to be seen whether or not the Beattie millions will save the young son accused of uxoricide from the gallows. Greater things have been accomplished by money and brains.

The feat of Aviator Harry Twood in flying from St. Louis to New York is another milestone in the march to the ultimate conquest of the air by man.

THERE IS A GOD OF LOVE.

A story is told of a man who became a member of a certain church. His admiration of sounding words was greater than his knowledge of their meaning and he began his first public prayer thus:

"Oh, thou great and diabolical God!"

There is such a God. He is the God of Fear; the God of infernal torments and eternal damnations; the God of burning helms and icy cruelty; the God of the distorted imaginations and warped natures of men who would bully their fellows into creeds and isms and dogmas into "so many paths that wind and wind."

But thank God, there is another God, a God of Love and kindness and understanding; the source of life, not death; of peace, not perdition.

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." It is the quality of thought that makes a man big or little, broad or narrow, god-like or beastly. It is thought that makes the world beautiful or ugly; the springtime joyous or bilious; the heart restful or rebellious. In the soul are born the Graces or the Furies. They may not dwell together, for love and wrath are cast out together.

Fear, not money, is the root of all evil. The man who fears, cringes and cowers and sneaks and slinks. The man who loves does not think of himself as a worm wriggling over the surface of a barren earth. He stands erect, and fears not.

The religion that will redeem the world will educate and develop the consciousness spiritual and morally. There's no beauty to those whose eyes have not been opened to perceive it. An appetite perverted by strong stimulants turns with loathing from simple, wholesome food. A nature depraved by excitement despises quiet. A vision dulled by the glitter of the tawdry and artificial sees no beauty in the dawn or in the twilight. The ears deafened by blaring trumpets hear no melody in bird songs. To the soul filled with Love, Nature gives inspiration. Sunshine floods the open heart as it streams through the open window. To the clear vision spiritual reveals her grandeur and true beauty is unveiled.

Once taught the source of its own riches a soul will not know bankruptcy. Perceiving that Love is constructive and Hate destructive, that Evil is a blight and Good a boon, it will put evil out of the consciousness and refuse wall space to any picture that suggests the repulsive and revolting. We live by what we feed upon.

We can't develop strength and purity by feeding the mind on muck. Unwillingly, unconsciously, we are transformed into the mental images we form. Evil is born of evil thought. Doubts are traitors. Apprehension scourge us. We need spiritual as well as physical hygiene. We need to know that all good is within us, and its outward manifestation makes us god-like.

"Owe no man anything but to love one another for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."
"Be just and fear not."—Katherine C. Murphy in Toledo Times.

OLD HORSE TOOK REVENGE.

Stood Autos Long As He Could, Then Kicked One to Pieces.
Kansas City, Mo.—Old Dobbin just got tired of it, that's all. He used to have a good enough sort of time joggling along the boulevards before these buzzing, snorting, fiery-eyed devil wagons got so numerous that mere horse had no rights whatever. They got on his nerves, spoiled his evening temper and took the taste out of his breakfast oats. He bore with them for a long time, nursing his wrath and waiting for an opportunity to revenge. The opportunity came and Old Dobbin embraced it.

Mrs. Jessie Owen and Mrs. Anna Bloude, both of 3029 Flora avenue, were driving Dobbin. They guided him out of Linwood boulevard into Flora avenue, when a buzz wagon drove up with A. A. Tribble, 3651 Madison avenue, at the wheel. The motor car stopped. So did Dobbin. He laid back his ears, sniffed gasoline and with a whinny that had the pent up rage of years in it, he climbed into the car. Mr. Tribble got out, Dobbin suddenly seemed to become all legs. The air was filled with bits of flying brass and wood. He kicked

the lambs off the machine, tore off a tire, reduced the upholstery to ribbons, made kindling wood of the woodwork and junk out of the metal trimmings.

Then, with a snort of defiance, he climbed out, permitted himself to be hitched up again and proceeded calmly on his way. He had hurt nothing but the machine, but what he had done to that was enough to even up old scores.

MAYOR SAW CHIN TICKLED.

But the Tickler Did Not Know It until He Faced the Bench.

Easton, Pa.—Deliberately walking up to a pretty girl on a crowded street here, Peter Shelder of Phillipsburg, N. J., paid the young woman a compliment on her beauty, then tickled her under the chin.

A man who witnessed the episode stepped up to Shelder and said: "You shouldn't do anything like that."

"You mind your own business," replied Shelder.

"Well, just walk down the street with me and I'll prove you made a mistake," said the other.

Shelder continued to argue with his critic until a policeman appeared, when the man who remonstrated ordered the Jerseyman's arrest.

The man who gave the order happened to be Mayor McKeen. When Shelder faced him in police court the mayor remarked: "I guess you plead guilty, don't you?" Shelder acknowledged that he had been "caught with the goods" and murmured a faint "yes."

"That tickle will cost you just \$5 and the next one will cost you a good deal more," warned the mayor.

Shelder paid and hurried back to Phillipsburg.

FEDERAL WOMEN WORKERS WILL ASSIST McNAMARA

Washington.—Women and girls employed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will raise money for the assistance of John J. McNamara, secretary of the Structural Iron Workers' Union, now in jail at Los Angeles, Cal., charged with dynamiting the Los Angeles Times building. The sympathies of the women were aroused by a speech made to them last night by Representative Frank Buchanan of Chicago. Buchanan read a letter from McNamara, in which the labor leader made the most complete denial of the charges against him that has been made public.

NOTED TRAMP STEER SHOT.

Fugitive Ran Away Year Ago and Became Wild Rover.

Weatherly, Pa.—The famous steer which escaped from Butcher Ober's pen, Leighton, a year ago and which had been shot at a hundred times, but escaped traps set for it as well, was shot by Farmer William Dietrick in the Quakake Valley while it was moving among the corn. The ox weighed 800 pounds dressed.

Since its escape it roved all over the county. It picked its living wherever it went from the field, grew as thin as a deer and as agile as an antelope.

The butcher from Leighton, who had placed a reward for the return of the animal, was telephoned to by Dietrick as soon as the animal was shot but told Dietrick to take one-half of the carcass for his report and sell the other half to a butcher and send him the money.

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1904—Japanese in full control of Pigeon Bay positions. One of the inner defenses of Port Arthur captured. August 26-September 4, Battle of Iao-Yang.

AUGUST 27 IN HISTORY.

1834—George Clymer, inventor and manufacturer of the Columbian printing press, died in London. He improved many other mechanical constructions.

1854—The city of Louisville, Ky., was visited by a tornado, which besides doing other great damage, resulted in the death of twenty-five and serious injury of 67.

1864—Secretary of War Stanton issued a bulletin telling of the fighting at Ream's Station, Va., between General Hancock's forces and the confederates. It included General Grant's statement estimating the confederate losses for the week at 10,000 dead and captured.

1884—King Humbert of Italy visited the cholera stricken district of Piedmont.

1894—The Bruce-Wilson tariff bill became a law without the signature of President Cleveland.

1899—Russo-Japanese war; Russians attacked entire Japanese line, but were repulsed.

1909—National Conservation congress, representing thirty-seven states met at Seattle, Wash.

Henry Farman won grand aviation prize at Rheims, breaking world's aeroplane record for duration of flight and distance, 111.73 miles in 3 hours, 4 minutes, 55 seconds.

1829—Educators from all parts of the country met in Boston to consult on public school work in all the states.

1845—Battle at Cape of Good Hope between the British and Boers, British winning.

1850—Louis Philippe, exiled king of the French, died at Claremont, England, aged 77.

1854—The fortress of Hango, Homersund, was bombarded by the allied troops.

1864—Indians of six tribes were reported to be massacring settlers and stealing cattle in the Platte valley and to be menacing Omaha and Council Bluffs.

1884—A report that Queen Victoria had died suddenly, threw London into a panic until the canal was disproved.

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