

THE EVILS OF IDLENESS

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It is somewhat singular that idleness and gentility should be popularly synonymous. "The butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker," and other tradesmen, as well as the upper ranks of business men, generally look forward to the day—the happy day as they fondly dream—when they shall have made enough money to retire from work and can enjoy their otium cum dignitate. There is something natural about this. They are then self-pensioned. They have earned the right to repose. They have fought the battle of life and come off victorious in a pious sense. Whether they can cast aside their old habits with ease and find enjoyment in new ones is for their own consideration only. Anyhow, they are entitled to make the experiment. And were the matter to rest here little or no mischief would ensue.

Unfortunately, however, the success of the parents usually begets a particular ambition in the minds of the children. The daughters desire to be ladies, the sons to be gentlemen. This, of course, would be praiseworthy if connected with some useful career. When, however, as is too often the case, it means simply to live an idle life, squandering idly upon the hardened fortunes of their fathers, it becomes a calamity for all concerned. But when it leads them also to be ashamed of their origin, and of the honest methods by which their affluence has been secured, it is little short of depravity—mean, despicable, repulsive.

Such false views of life and of what is becoming, must needs lead to disaster. Because to make up for want of birth or breeding, they launch out into vulgar extravagance, endeavoring to dazzle where they cannot convince. Yachts, excursions, and holidays, expensive establishments, gambling and voluptuous living, are a few of the means by which the carefully gathered wealth of successful merchants or professional men is dissipated by their heirs. Very few of these care to walk in the steps of their fathers, or to engage in the occupations which made them rich. And probably the first lessons in wild expenditure on the part of these prodigal sons were learnt at our universities, where, for a long period, generations of vain or weak-minded youth have been hopelessly corrupted.

It is sad to reflect how often the methods by which a successful man endeavors to advance the position of his children become the means of their ruin. He reflects, it may be, on his own scanty education or other disadvantages in early life, and determines that his sons shall fare better. They shall go to some great public school or to Oxford or Cambridge. They shall learn all that may be found in these homes of the masses. They shall mix with gentlemen and noblemen, make superior acquaintances, and catch their tone. And that they may not be prejudiced by his status, he supplies them most liberally with pocket-money, and encourages them to shine in the display of wealth. After a long course, during which parental hopes have been excited, they often return to the old road with only a thin veneer of scholastic acquirements, but deeply engrained with all the vices which, it is well known, these seminaries are able to teach. Their orientation while there is secretly ridiculed by their companions, their morals are ruined, and they come back with appetites whetted for prodigality, despising business, averse to useful occupation, and impatient of their family and home surroundings.

In those cases, however, where these seeds have been sown in an arid soil, where they have really studied, and their habits and conduct have been fairly decent, they are as still averse as the former to the occupations of their parents, and are occasionally prompted to endeavor to distinguish themselves in fashionable society. This is often very difficult. Nevertheless, youth, money, and perseverance, can accomplish much in time. And if they succeed, what is the result? A more reputable mode of squandering than that of others, but a

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