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I've noticed when a fellow dies, no matter what he's been—
A saintly chap or one whose life was darkly steeped in sin—
His friends forget the bitter words they spoke but yesterday,
And now they find a multitude of pretty things to say.
I fancy when I go to rest some one will bring to light
Some kindly word or goodly act long buried out of sight;
But, if it's all the same to you, just give to me instead
The bouquets while I'm living and the knocking when I'm dead.

Don't save your kisses to imprint upon my marble brow,
While countless maledictions are hurled upon me now;
Say just one kindly word to me while I mourn here alone,
And don't save all your eulogy to carve upon a stone!
What do I care if when I'm dead the Bloomingdale Gazette
Gives me a write-up with a cut in mourning borders set;
It will not flatter me a bit, no matter what is said,
So kindly throw your bouquets now and knock me when I'm dead.

It may be fine, when one is dead, to have the folks talk so,
To have the flowers come in loads from relatives, you know;
It may be nice to have these things for those you leave behind,
But just as far as I'm concerned, I really do not mind.
I'm quite alive and well today, and while I linger here,
Lend me a helping hand at times—give me a word of cheer;
Just change the game a little bit; just kindly swap the decks,
For I will be no judge of flowers when I've cashed in my checks.

HOLDING BACK THE CHILD.

"As the twig is bent, so the tree will grow," is an old saying and one of the most apt and truthful ones ever spoken. To its application there is no limit. It was coined after observing a never-failing law of Nature.

And what is true of vegetable life is almost equally true of human life. The child grown to manhood follows the bent of youthful days, and an almost superhuman effort is required to straighten the twists of mind or morals received in childhood.

While psychologists have most frequently demonstrated this truth by studies in morality, there is another phase which equally truthfully demonstrates the workings of the inexorable laws of Nature and has been only less thoroughly and less profoundly propounded because its effects have been confined to individuals, instead of to society in general.

Watch the career of the child who is kicked and cuffed during the greater part of his younger days—the days that God intended to be filled with sunshine and happiness and the joy of living; the child who is made to feel that he is only fit for drudgery and grief; the child who is taught that physical safety lie in cringing and crawling before those whom the inscrutable laws of Nature has made his parents or guardians; the child whose quivering, upturned, tear-stained face receives but sneers from those who should give comfort; the child who knows not a kiss or caress or word of comfort or encouragement from those who should always be near and dear; the child who has it pounded into him that he is inferior to the rest of the world. That child has instilled in his very being a fear of mankind, a fear of the world, that incapacitates him for his fight for life in a world where one rises to the top because another is willing to remain below; because the other feels that his place is below. The one who feels that his place is below is the one who has been taught fear and inferiority in the days when his nature was being formed.

The man of mind is a peculiar thing and it is unusual to find among the leaders of men the boy who grew to his majority humiliated

ing himself and cringing before his fellow beings.

How inspiring the story of the French soldier whose horse dropped dead as he handed to the greatest soldier of modern times an important dispatch that had been carried from miles away. Napoleon wrote an answer, dismounted from his horse, handed the bridle to the soldier, saying, "Take this horse and ride back, comrade." Gazing upon the beautiful, splendid, blooded animal and expensive trappings, he humbly replied, "It is too magnificent and grand for me, a common soldier." Did Napoleon allow him to cringe and humble himself in the dust before the man whose ambition was to be the ruler of the world? No! Napoleon, to whom we may well imagine human life meant little except as it might serve him, understood human nature. "Take it," he cried, "nothing is too grand and magnificent for a soldier of France."

And those tired troops of his, wearied from the tramp, tramp, tramp, of the march, longing for a sight of loved ones at home, sick of the ceaseless strife, battle-scarred and sick, took new inspiration, new life, from those inspiring words, which were soon passed from mouth to mouth to every member of the army. 'Twas a grand and magnificent thing to fight and die for the glory of the fleur-de-lis—and fight and die they did, but the flag of France floated triumphant over the dead and wounded.

So teach the children to hold up their heads and look the world in the eye with a determination to wrest victory from the fight or know the reason why, and we will have a better, stronger and more aggressive manhood and womanhood.

Teach them due deference, but not humility.

Teach them to be gentle with the weak, but ever hold before them the saying, equally as true as the one already quoted, that "God helps them who help themselves" and impress upon them that in this old world the fight is to those who assert their right to live and have their being.

Teach them that the prizes of life are for those who reach out and grasp them, not for those who cower,

cringe and shiver in some secluded corner.

To teach them these things you can not kick and cuff them about, you can not deny them those things that the Creator intended they should have, you can not make them drudge and work and waste their young lives away in a menial manner.

An article relating to the manner of taxing property for the payment of public improvements appears in another column, and a suggestion that may prove of value can be found therein. The system of having abutting property pay for street improvements is so antiquated that it is doubtful if a single supporter could be found for it. And the most severe criticism of that system is that it keeps any city about ten years behind the times in street improvements. A new method is imperative if Cottage Grove is to aspire to its proper position in the world or maintain its present one. Come on with your suggestions. Now is the time for agitation.

The Sentinel invites discussion in its columns at any time of timely subjects of interest to its readers. These discussions must, however, be as short as the subject will permit and still be handled intelligently. Criticism of public acts is permissible, but no abuse of any character will be permitted. Names of writers must accompany all articles, but names need not be published if not so desired.

The first petition for nomination at the April primaries was filed in the office of the county clerk last week by Clerk Stacy M. Russell, himself, who seeks renomination at the hands of the republicans.

Short Course Increases 55 Per Cent.

An increase of over 55 per cent in the number enrolled in the winter short course at the Oregon Agricultural College over the registration at the same time last year is reported by Dean A. B. Cordley, and the prediction of Dr. James Withycombe, director of the experiment station, that the number would reach 1,000 by the end of the farmers' week looks to be well within probability.

This is the fifteenth year the special winter course has been offered, and the added facilities in new buildings and laboratories, additional faculty

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Many of the lectures are to be summarized in mimeographed or typewritten form for the students to take home with them, so that they may have them in a permanent form to refer to. Five times as many have enrolled from Hermiston as last year, and two men have come all the way from Omaha, Neb. A number of others have come from British Columbia, and the state of Washington is well represented. Large delegations have come from the Hood river and Rogue river districts, also, as well as from almost every part of Oregon.

More inquiries as to the work in animal husbandry were received by Prof. E. L. Potter this year than ever before, and dairying has reawakened the

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interest of many. The new dairy building is being rushed to completion for the use of the short course, and the new horticulture building is already occupied, as are also the farm mechanics, mechanic arts, and stock judging buildings. The latter pavilion is a great improvement over the previous quarters in the college barns where demonstration and judging work were done. The new building is heated and free from drafts, and the big room, 90x38 feet, is divided by a canvass curtain at times, so that two classes may be held there at once.

Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

Some plutocratic country newspaperman has discovered that the "0" has been left off of the new thousand dollar bills. On the ones we have gotten hold of nothing but the figure "1" is left.

Lots of girls would be poems if it wasn't for their faulty feet.

Trying to make money often gets a man arrested for counterfeiting.

What do we want of Esperanto when Love's language is universally understood.

The regretful thing about turning over a new leaf is that you can't erase the old one.

The girl after your own heart usually acts as if she didn't want it.

Someone claims there are fraternal societies in dades. There must be a lot of warm members.

A man who can't write his name is more likely to make his mark than the man who is a proficient writer.

Physicians have been forbidden to pull teeth, and must hereafter confine operations of that nature to the pedal extremities.

The old saying, "It is never too late to mend" must have been written by the mother of a large family of growing children.

The way some folks stretch their money you would think we already had elastic currency.

Silence is golden, they say. Some folks have been well paid for keeping quiet, we must admit.

A bold Harvard professor, Dr. Worthington by name, in speaking of the claim of other professors that bacteria lurk in the kiss, comes smack bang out saying 'tis not so, and intimates in no uncertain tones that he is willing to take a chance. While osculation is not very generally recommended, even in violent form, as a physical culture exercise, still it is an exhilarating pastime and many maids of our acquaintance will be pleased to learn that they have not been accumulating a varied assortment of deadly germs.

The man who does things without an effort usually gets more credit than the man who lies awake nights devising ways and means.

Living ought to be cheap in Minneapolis, where the good housewife can boil the city water and the result is a first class Irish stew.

A skeleton in the closet exhibits unexpected signs of life at times.

Miss Rose Crabapple and Percy Oakes have been married in Minneapolis. They ought to start a family tree.

When the whale found out it had swallowed Jonah it felt so bad that it blubbered.

The man with tight boots has a kick coming.

A fast young man keeps about three laps ahead of his salary most of the time.

In the category with "Where do all the pins go to?" might be put "Where do all the kisses come from?"

What puzzles us is how a man can have a good time when he don't know what he is doing.

An American heiress looks like a golden opportunity to an European nobleman.

It is better to use the morning sunlight than to burn the midnight oil—and more economical.

Why will men make fun of women about following Fashion's edicts and then go around wearing stiff collars around their ears when it is 90 in the shade.

Pretty soon it will be cheaper to own an auto than an ox team.

The most economical women otherwise are extravagant with their language.

Some men's lives don't bear fruit until after they are planted.

After reading of the actions of the Zeppelin airship, we are inclined to think the company may go bump.

Why not run Edward Peyson Weston for governor of New York. He would win in a walk.

You may be brilliant by nature, but never brainy.

A well known author, who has had experience, says to beware of grass widows. Hey!

Mr. Carnegie says a man's usefulness just begins at 70. There are too many people in this world who don't get to be 70.

A man in New York is being examined as to his sanity because he threw money away. A man who can get hold of enough money to be able to throw it away can't be very crazy.

Over in Morocco when an officeholder gets his foot in it they amputate the limb in the vicinity of the collar button.

[Very often it is the man who has nothing to fear who makes the biggest spiel for peace.

The world is growing better and Pittsburg is growing worse.

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got our breakfast and then we got onto the stage to Ludon and there was lots of hills on the rode and when we got ther ther was lots of campers. And I had lots of fun playing crocky and tenace I did not like the miral water and one night sum other boys and I took down a tent we staid about a month and I was glad to get home.

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