

YOUTH Versus ATTAINMENT

By Mrs. FRANK LESLIE



FOR one who has known the full flower of life, who has lived and loved, who has read her own heart and that of many another, even though it has been as a vivisectionist—for such a one to find the fountain of perpetual youth and, while retaining all the precious lessons of experience, to refresh her outward being in those rejuvenating waters, ah, that would be to reach THE VERY PINNACLE OF WOMAN'S CHARM AND POWER, for the great, the iron, law of compensation is nowhere more clearly shown than in this matter of youth versus attainment.

Every one confesses that a man or woman verging upon middle life, or even considerably later in life's story, has more to say, can offer more valuable opinions and is, in the common phrase, "better company" than a very young person, but few indeed are the philosophers, especially among women, who would deliberately choose THE ATTRACTIONS OF MATURITY as opposed to those of youth. Still the compensation is just and adequate if one does but claim it and utilize it at its full value, but here again Nature herself, whom blind people call blind and unreasoning—even here Nature shows the JUST BALANCE of her gifts and her intelligent governance of her great family. Youth is her absolute endowment to those who have not yet ability to choose or reject. She does not tell her infants, "My dear, try to be young, for to be young is to be attractive!" She simply makes them young WHETHER THEY WILL OR NO, because she knows that it is to their advantage and happiness to be young, but to the older children, to those who have listened to her teaching and learned some of the lessons her sister Experience has been called in to teach, she says: "Child, you are no longer young. That early charm which I bestowed upon you BEFORE YOU COULD APPRECIATE IT is gone even when you began to value it and cherish it most. I shall not make you young again, but I will give you a compensation for your lost youth if you have sufficient steadfastness of purpose and knowledge of your own interests to receive and make use of it. I will make you AGREEABLE—that is, I will tell you how to be, but you are no longer a child, and I shall not blindly bestow this gift upon you as I did that of youth. I shall simply give you the means and the power, and you must use them for yourself."

So speaks the dear old mother of us all—sometimes, alas, to deaf ears that hear not, sometimes to shallow brains that heed not, sometimes to heavy hearts that care not; but some there are—aye, thank God, there are many—who hear and heed and care for the mother's lesson and the compensation she offers, and among these older children are most of the TRULY CHARMING people of the world. In fact, so far as men are concerned, I often think the only really interesting sons of nature are to be found in this, her senior, class, for most very young men are so absorbed in admiration of their own wisdom, wit and wide experience that they can speak or think of little else. They, too, prattle, but not, like the young girls, of everything under the sun and with a sweet readiness to confess their own ignorance AND ASK FOR INFORMATION. No. The young man's prattle is generally of himself and with an amiable readiness to give his own opinion upon whatever other subject his interlocutor may try to introduce. He has very little interest in the views of any one else and shows marvelous ingenuity in soon bringing the conversation around to his favorite topic.

BUT HAVE PATIENCE WITH HIM, FOR DAY BY DAY THE OLD MOTHER IS SMOOTHING AWAY A LITTLE OF THE CRUDITY, A LITTLE OF THE NEWNESS OF HIS LIFE, AND IMPERCEPTIBLY REPLACING IT WITH THOSE GRACIOUS COMPENSATING GIFTS I HAVE ALREADY NOTED.

The gift of fascination is quite apart from the other gifts of youth or experience, and, although it does not really develop during the first twenty years of life, I have seen young girls in whom the promise lay latent, yet visible—girls of whom one may say, "She is a charming girl and will be a fascinating woman."

But if the secret of fascination lies neither in youth nor beauty, WHERE is it to be found—in mental gifts, in wit, in grace of manner or in cultivation?

NO, NO, NO! IN NONE OF THESE, ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, ALL ARE ACCESSORIES OF GREATEST VALUE; BUT NO ONE OF THESE NOR ANY OTHER ONE ATTRIBUTE IS ESSENTIAL IN ITS PRESENCE OR FATAL BY ITS ABSENCE TO THIS GIFT OF FASCINATION.

THE PLEASURES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS OF PUBLIC LIFE

By United States Senator CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW

THOSE who have never been in public life or active in politics know NOTHING of their exquisite pleasures and keen disappointments. It is the compensations of a career which make life worth the living. If it was all joy or all sorrow there would be nothing in it. The politician is always EITHER IN PARADISE OR PURGATORY, and he is ever struggling to stay in the one sphere or to get out of the other. The intensity and strain, the uncertainties and accidents of politics make possible the warmest attachments among politicians. This is especially true between those of opposite faith. They fight only on broad lines and are free from the irritations of faction feuds. They generously appreciate the good qualities and abilities each of the other and are bound together IN BONDS OF CLOSEST FRIENDSHIP.

WHOOPING COUGH.

From the United States census of 1900 we find that 663 died in New York from whooping cough and 549 from scarlet fever. In Chicago 141 died from whooping cough and 373 from scarlet fever; Philadelphia, 179 died from whooping cough, 182 from scarlet fever, and so on in the different cities. Death from whooping cough occurs most frequently from pneumonia as a complication that induces heart failure, or a bronchitis may occur that ends in suffocation. Asphyxia, or marasmus, due to the continued ejecting of the food or loss of appetite, may cause death.

Even when death does not occur, severe disturbance of the nervous system may remain, as weakness of the intellect and memory, imbecility. Visual defects, strabismus, blindness and deafness, partial or complete, and even deafmutism may remain. Whooping cough, it is evident, should be under the control of health authorities, subject to quarantine and other preventive measures as much as scarlet fever.—Woman's Medical Journal.

Conceit of the New Yorker.

One of the recent "Parsifal" performances at the Metropolitan Opera House was attended by a large delegation of music lovers from Philadelphia who had bought up most of the first floor seats for the occasion. A certain well known opera goer met a journalistic friend while promenading in the lobby after the first act, and they stopped to discuss the merits of the performance.

"Did you know," said the friend, "that there's a party of 400 Philadelphians in the house tonight?" "Indeed?" replied the first nighter. "Why don't you interview them and get their impressions of America?"—Harper's Weekly.

Queen Victoria's Toys at St. Louis.

The playthings of the late Queen Victoria, while in their splendor and intrinsic value they will not compare with the almost priceless jubilee presents, that will be shown at the world's fair, St. Louis, will appeal to the sentiment of all who view them. The British pavilion at the world's fair is a replica of the orangery at Kensington palace, the birthplace of Queen Victoria. It was here that Victoria played with her dolls. The paint is rubbed from the face of one. The arm of another is gone and the leg of still another is missing. All of these toys have been carefully preserved.—London Chronicle.

Hudson Bay.

Hudson bay is the third largest inclosed marine sea in the world, being next in size to the Mediterranean sea and the Caribbean sea, and a bill is now before the Ottawa parliament to change its name to the Canadian sea, "for good political and national reasons and to assert Canadian supremacy over the waters of the bay and the adjoining territory." American whalers from New Bedford, Mass., are practically the only people who have frequented the bay for the last thirty years.

By the Gas Pipe Route.

In raiding a supposed saloon in Lewiston, Me., the other day special liquor deputies discovered a new method to sell in violation of the law. It was in the form of a gas jet. By climbing through a scuttle to a place over the store a hard partition was seen. This was broken and found to contain a copper tank. The tank was connected with the store by a tube, which resembled a gas pipe. By turning on the gas jet whisky could be obtained.

Senseless Sentiment.

Jules Lefevre of Paris writes to Answers of London: "I returned from Lancaster only a few days ago, feeling thoroughly disgusted with your English love of senseless sentiment. I had become engaged to a Lancaster lady, and because I had the honesty to confess that it was her money which had attracted me the engagement, to my astonishment, was immediately canceled."

Japanese and Chinese.

It will be well when continental statesmen learn that a score of natural facts discriminate the Japanese people from the Chinese and the Tartars. There is more of Malay blood, there is even more of Kanaka and of Polynesian blood, in that fearless, self reliant visage of the famous Marquis Ito than of Genghis or Kubla Khan.—Sir Edwin Arnold in London Telegraph.

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Independence, Oregon.

TO NAME CANDIDATE.

J. M. Stark, Committeeman for Polk County, Makes Announcement for County Convention.

A convention of the republican party of the First congressional district of the state of Oregon is hereby called to meet in Salem, Ore., Wednesday, April 13th, at 11 a. m., for the purpose of nominating one representative for congress and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The convention will consist of 177 delegates, apportioned among the several counties of the district as follows, to-wit: Benton, 7; Clackamas, 18; Coos, 9; Curry, 3; Douglas, 14; Jackson, 12; Josephine, 7; Klamath, 4; Lake, 4; Lane, 19; Lincoln, 5; Linn, 14; Marion, 23; Polk, 9; Tillamook, 5; Washington, 13; Yamhill, 11; total, 177.

The same being one delegate at large for each county, one for every 150 votes cast for Judge Bean on the last general election, and one for every fraction of 150 larger than 100.

That the work of the convention may be expedited as much as possible, the committee suggests that the chairmen and secretaries of the several county conventions certify to the list of delegates elected by their county conventions to this congressional convention and mail them at once to Curtis B. Winn, secretary congressional committee Albany, Ore.

Delegates or others in attendance at the convention may secure a rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip on the Southern Pacific and the Corvallis & Eastern railways by paying full fare to Salem, taking a receipt for fare paid from the ticket agent and

having same properly certified by the secretary of the convention.

T. W. HARRIS,
Chairman congressional Committee.
CURTIS B. WINN,
Secretary.

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To "know thyself" is to take advantage of life's secrets and equip one's self with an armor which will successfully resist the attack of disease in the battle of life.



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Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Sarah Jasperson, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, at his office in the City of Independence, in said County, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 18th day of February, 1904.

H. H. JASPERSON,
Administrator of the estate of Sarah Jasperson, deceased.
Oscar Hayter, Attorney.

War Clubbing Rates.

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