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You wouldn't be stuck up if you heard all other people say about you.

It is a poor sort of man who would rather be awakened by an alarm clock than a robin.

The new Shah of Persia is beginning to realize that he didn't fall heir to a path of roses.

Maybe some of those disgruntled Cubans have an idea that a declaration of independence is simply a permit to conduct a cock fight.

Lots of young men who were babies when he was President can tell some bright and interesting stories about Abraham Lincoln.

The Panama Canal is such a big undertaking that there ought to be glory enough in it for every man who throws out a shovelful of dirt.

The average \$1 bill is said to last fifteen months, but we will have to take it for granted, as we have never been able to keep one in sight that long.

Harriman says he is in favor of keeping the small stockholders interested. Without the small stockholders there could be little lamb-shearing in Wall street.

Perhaps if Mr. Rockefeller had sooner discovered that he is worth only a paltry \$300,000,000, he would have hesitated about peeling that \$32,000,000 off his roll.

Dr. Funk says that the spirits find the air of earth hard to breathe. People who have met any spirits will doubtless recall that they looked pale and unhealthy.

No young man, no matter how bright he may be, can expect to learn from Mr. E. H. Harriman's testimony how to gobble up a railroad every morning before breakfast.

The achievement of Woo Ang, of San Francisco, who raised a draft of \$8 to \$8,000, is a refutation of the statement that the Chinese cannot adapt themselves to American ways.

If there is any truth in the statement that the North Pole is moving southward at the rate of twenty miles a year, Arctic explorers can save a lot of trouble by waiting a few centuries and meeting it half way.

The Czar has been told that he must take more outdoor exercise for the benefit of his health. But the Czar can recall a number of cases among the Russian aristocracy where outdoor exercise proved fatal.

A negro laborer in a Virginia quarry who was engaged in thawing out dynamite noticed that the stuff had caught fire, and promptly stamped on it to put it out. The surrounding neighborhood was also put out by what followed.

Dr. Wiley, head of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, gave the House Committee on Expenditures an amusing illustration of the exacting practices of scientific research. In speaking of the young men who are undergoing experiments in nutrition, Dr. Wiley said, "Nothing is wasted. If they trim their fingernails or have their hair cut, they bring the trimmings or the hair to me, and it is weighed. We keep track of the income and outgo just as you keep a bank account."

An Eastern newspaper thinks it a strange thing that many farmers are trying to sell their farms because they cannot get men to work them and then asks what has become of the myriads of immigrants who have come to us in late years. Well, most of those who have not gone into the coal mines have been caught in the tremendous congestion of slum population in great cities. Maybe this is because they do not know any better, and if so they should be taught better, but never will be taught while they see the farm owners joining in the hegra from country to city.

Human nature is the same in college as elsewhere. The man who spends a great deal of money gets talked about to an extent out of all proportion to his influence in the community. The expenditures of rich college men have been talked about more than those of their families at home, because spending much money at college is a new thing in this country and still a comparatively rare thing. The talk about it has tended to create the impression that the large colleges are no place for poor boys, which is very far from the fact. The colleges are organized to give special advantages to manhood and capacity, and that is quite as true of the large colleges as of the small ones.

"The greatest thing in the world," says Bishop Woodcock of Kentucky, "is to be able to lie awake at midnight thinking of God and your fellow men without fear, without shame and without remorse. Cowardice is the greatest tragedy in life, and more wrong is done in the world by weak than by evil men." Well said. It is a great thing to be able to look your fellow man square in the eye, and that ability comes only from your own estimation

of yourself. If your life is the kind of life that you yourself cannot admire, you need never expect your associates to take you at any higher valuation than you place upon yourself. If a man carries about with him that conviction that he is a clean man, a decent man and an honest man, every man he meets will know it. If a man is ashamed of himself, that will be equally evident. There is a homely but pithy saying, which reads (and it is the best sort of advice at that): "Live each day so that you can look every man in the face and tell him to move on."

King Edward conferred the Order of Merit upon James Bryce, the new British ambassador to this country, on the eve of his departure from London. This order is given to men who have won conspicuous distinction in the naval or military service, or in letters, art or science. Only nineteen persons have received it, sixteen Britons, one of whom, Sir L. Alma-Tadema, was a naturalized subject, and three Japanese. There is nothing of the kind in America. The Constitution forbids the national Congress and the State Legislatures to grant titles of nobility, and the feeling which prompted the prohibition has extended to the establishment of honorary orders, save those for military achievement. The Medal of Honor, conferred for acts of conspicuous valor, and the Diplomatic Medal, which is bestowed upon foreign ministers only, are not properly to be classed with the honors which European governments use to recognize great achievement. There is not necessarily anything undemocratic in orders of merit or medals of honor for men in civil life. France, a republic, has the Legion of Honor, and titles of nobility survive there much as official titles survive here, after the service in which they were won has ceased. In all the States a man who has been a judge or a governor is "governor" or "judge" to the end of his days. The universities make men doctors of laws or science or philosophy or letters, and they are called "doctor," but the great explorer, the great inventor, the great painter must remain without official recognition by the government. A recent writer in Army and Navy Life has suggested that something be done to supply this lack. It is not easy to see what can be done. We shall surely not confer knighthood on our men of science or on our statesmen, although it is no more undemocratic to call a man Sir John Smith than to speak of him as the Hon. John Smith. It will require some ingenuity to find a way to confer upon meritorious persons a distinction which will be permanently attached to their names, yet will not offend those who regard all titles as savoring of an aristocratic system.

A TIMELY LESSON.

There was never a time when Mr. Eben Jenkins was not perfectly willing to give a lift in his wagon to a foot traveler along the sandy roads of Hillville; but he did not like to have too much taken for granted.

One day he was accosted by a flashily dressed young man who was stepping along the dusty road with a disdainful air.

"Hold on there a minute!" he called, as the wagon came abreast of him. "I believe I'll take a ride, as you're going my way and I'm in a hurry," and without waiting for any response he swung himself up beside Mr. Jenkins, who looked at him sharply but made no demur.

The road made many twists and turns, but although the young man kept up an incessant stream of conversation, he received only the most laconic replies from his host.

"It's a good deal farther to Hackett than I thought, from what they told me," said the young man at last, when they had been driving more than half an hour. "How far is it from here?" "Um-m," said Mr. Jenkins, deliberately, "I'm not a great hand at mathematics, but keeping straight on as we're going now, I should say 'twould be in the neighborhood o' twenty-five thousand miles."

"If you've a notion to get out o' this conveyance o' mine and hoof it back to the first turn, and take the other road, 'twon't be more'n a little matter of seven miles or so."

"He hoofed it," said Mr. Jenkins, relating the story that night with keen relish, "and it wouldn't surprise me a mite if the next time he wants a lift he addresses the man he expects'll give it to him some different from what he did me."

The Start and the Finish.

Why do you fear to become a reformer?"

"Because," answered Senator Sorghum, "the way of the reformer is easy only as long as he is telling people what they ought to have. It becomes difficult when it is time to apologize for not giving it to them."—Washington Star.

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The girl who is always learning to play the piano never seems to make much progress, from the viewpoint of the critical neighbors who want to rest.

FAMOUS BEAUTY FROWNS ON PHYSICAL CULTURE FAD.



LA MILO.

La Milo, the most famous beauty in Europe, and who artists declare could have served as a model for Venus de Milo, declares that physical culture threatens to spoil feminine pulchritude.

"I don't recommend physical culture which develops muscle and makes one part of the body abnormal at the expense of the other," says La Milo. "A woman does not want to have great muscular limbs. She ought to go to the famous statues and study them. The poetic ideal of the sculptor represents the highest form of feminine beauty, and all a girl should desire in the matter of physical loveliness is to reach, as far as possible, the exquisite proportions of the graven gems which are sheltered in our sculpture galleries. Physical culture is against all canons of true art for women. It was never intended that a woman should emulate a man, whose glory lies in his strength."

AIR ALWAYS FULL OF DUST.

Particles Not Observed Because Too Small to Reflect Light.

"A most interesting study," a prominent government scientist recently remarked, "is that of what might be termed the foreign elements of the atmosphere. The earth's atmosphere contains an enormous quantity of dust, and it is everywhere, in the country as well as in the towns."

"The reason why we do not see it constantly is that the particles do not reflect enough light to make an impression on the retina. A ray of bright sunlight in a dark room reveals innumerable particles, and yet the millions we see are but a small proportion of the whole, being the larger particles."

"It is not at all difficult to collect these particles for the purposes of study. Probably the most successful way is that first used by Pasteur, who drew a stream of air through a tube containing nitric acid. The cotton was then dissolved by treating it with ether and the residue washed and dried. The particles may be measured by means of a fine micrometer, a late perfection of which enables measurements of as little as one-seventy-millionth of an inch to be made."

"How these particles are loosed in the air may be readily seen when it is remembered that all mechanical action has a tendency to reduce to a powder whatever substance is in fractional contact, even the waves beating upon the shore make a dust. Rain in falling collects considerable quantities of this dust and snow still larger amounts. This accounts for the 'red snow' sometimes heard of, the color being caused by mineral particles."

"Of the total weight of the atmospheric dust about 65 to 75 per cent is inorganic matter. This portion is absolutely harmless, but in the 25 to 35 per cent of organic matter are to be found germs of almost every kind, and particularly in cities is this percentage dangerous to humanity."

"In the inorganic portion have been found practically all mineral substances, including the metals sodium, calcium, magnesium, aluminum, nickel, cobalt and iron. Iron appears in much greater quantity than any other metal, much of that coming from planetary space. The rushing of meteorites through space causes a friction which gradually reduces them to powder containing much iron, some of which joins the earth's atmosphere."

Never Fenced Her.

"Della," began Mrs. Newlind, timidly, "I don't suppose—er—that you would—er—object to my getting an alarm clock?"

"Not at all, ma'am," replied the sleepy cook; "them things never disturb me at all."—Philadelphia Press.

Even the bartender has a poor opinion of the man who plays cards in the middle of the day.

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