

ABILITY.

Success may not always be the test of ability, but it is so in enough cases to warrant one in saying that the universally unsuccessful man is incompetent. We feel that there is a screw loose somewhere. If he really had ability, and all that is included in that name, he would succeed in something. Ability implies enough energy to surmount small difficulties, and not only small obstacles, but obstacles that would daunt and discourage the man of little determination. To such a one a rebuff only furnishes fresh incentive to succeed—at all hazards.

Those who sit down, and cry weakly that they are far more able to do great deeds than such-a-one if they only had the opportunity; that they have as much talent as So-and-so, but they only lack the chance to display it; that they have no time to do anything; that circumstances are against them or they would certainly succeed—probably possess neither talent nor ability, except in their own imagination. If they had the talent, they would accomplish something, no matter what circumstances were against them. They might perhaps do better when they had more time, more foothold, more chance to show what they could do; but it is hardly likely, if they did nothing at all while the fates were against them, that they would make a shining success when things were more favorable.

Ability makes its possessors resolve that they will do something with it; that they will work to improve the talent, small though it be, that they feel is theirs; that they will not be beaten, and that nothing shall daunt them. This faith and energy may really serve to remove the mountains that confront them, or at least enable stout hearts to so far surmount them that, though the way may be rough and toilsome at first, it will become easier and straighter as they climb upwards. Therefore, if you are persuaded in your mind that you are really and truly able to do a certain thing, do not go about crying that you could do it, only—you can't; but go to work earnestly and doggedly and do it. Do it, no matter what happens to 'keep you back.' Do it with all the powers of your mind and body. Do it, at first, it may be, blunderingly, in a blind, faltering way, but feeling confident that if you have the talent or genius it will show itself, though after a long time perhaps, and only by hard and persistent work. And be assured the one half of the ability to do a thing lies in the determination to do it.

"The theory was held by Prof. Mendeleef," says Iron, "that petroleum is produced by water which penetrates the earth's crust and comes in contact with the glowing carbides of metal, especially those of iron. The water is decomposed into its constituent gases, the oxygen uniting with the iron, while the hydrogen takes up the carbon, and ascends to a higher region, where part of it is condensed into mineral oil, and part remains as natural gas, to escape wherever and when it can find an outlet. If this assumption is correct, and a sufficient store of metallic carbides is contained in the earth's interior, petroleum may continue to be formed almost indefinitely, and yield a supply of fuel long after coal has become exhausted. Prof. Mendeleef supports his views by producing artificial petroleum in a manner similar to that by which he believes the natural product is made."

Somewhere in the thirties St. Joseph was a thriving city of several thousand people. There was also a railroad running from Iola, on the Apalachicola River, to St. Joseph. To-day there is not a vestige of the city remaining, nor of the railroad. William Samuels, an old colored man who lives near Bainbridge, Ga., said the other day that many years ago he lived in St. Joseph and traveled thence by the railroad from Iola; also stating that it was the first and the last time in his life he ever rode on the cars. He was astonished when told that both city and railroad had been in the grave for over forty years.

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Never take warm drinks and then immediately go out into the cold.

Keep the back especially between the shoulder blades, well covered; also the chest well protected. In sleeping in a cold room establish a habit of breathing through the nose and never with the mouth open.

Never go to bed with cold or damp feet.

Never omit regular bathing, for unless the skin is in active condition the cold will close the pores and favor congestion and other diseases.

After exercise of any kind, never ride in an open carriage or near the window of a car for a moment; it is dangerous to health, or even life.

When hoarse, speak as little as possible until the hoarseness is recovered from else the voice may be permanently lost or difficulties of the throat be produced.

Merely warm the back by the fire and never continue keeping the back exposed to the heat after it has become comfortably warm. To do otherwise is debilitating.

When going from a warm atmosphere into a cooler one, keep the mouth closed, so that the air may be warmed in its passage through the nose ere it reaches the lungs.

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