

# THE ORPHANS' FRIEND.

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## Presence of Mind.

People often lose their wits in presence of great danger, and are at a loss what to do for escape. If one retains presence of mind and perfect coolness, he can often save his own life and the lives of others. A Russian captain recently distinguished himself:

A remarkable instance of presence of mind on the part of the captain of a man-of-war is related by the St. Petersburg papers. About the end of last month the Russian war frigate *Olaf*, which had accompanied the yacht of the Czarowitz to Copenhagen, was lying at anchor among hundreds of other ships in the harbor, when a fire was discovered in a coal-cellar below, which was only a few feet from the powder-magazine. There was no time to put out the fire before it could reach the magazine, and an explosion of the large stores of cartridges and gunpowder contained in it would probably have destroyed not only the *Olaf* and the surrounding ships, but part of Copenhagen itself.

Captain Rehlinger, the commander of the *Olaf*, saw at once that the only thing to be done to prevent a catastrophe was to sink the ship. After sending away the crew, with the ship's papers, cash-boxes, and most valuable instruments in boats, he ordered the carpenters and engineers to make a leak in the vessel, and half an hour afterwards she sank in not very deep water.

Next day she was raised again, and after some provisional repairs, was taken to Cronstadt, where she is now lying in the dock pending her complete restoration for service. The damage done is stated to be comparatively trifling, and the court-martial held on the officers of the vessel unanimously expressed the highest praise of the conduct of the captain and his subordinates. The Emperor has appointed him his aide-de-camp, which is one of the highest honors conferred on Russian naval officers, and the officers and men under him have received gratuities from the Emperor's privy purse.

## Child Education.

Let parents not lament because their children do not exhibit uncommon powers of mind in early life, or because, compared with some other children, they are deficient in knowledge derived from books. Let them rather rejoice if their children reach the age of six or seven with well-formed bodies, good health, and no vicious tendencies, though they be at the same time ignorant of every letter of the alphabet. If they are in this condition, it is not to be inferred that their minds are inferior to those of children who have been constantly instructed. It is a great mistake to suppose that children acquire no knowledge while engaged in voluntary play and amusement.

## Pathos in a Police Court.

Among the famous comic court reports of the *Detroit Free Press* occasionally appears a picture that is really pathetic. Here is one:

An old woman, whose face was full of time's revengeful lines, whose hair was white as snow, whose sight was hardly strong enough to enable her to see the desk before which she tremblingly

"God help such as you when second childhood robs them of strength of mind! Poor old woman, you may go!"

She hesitated, and seeming to feel that some explanation was necessary, she replied,—

"It was either drink or drown myself! My troubles are too much for my old heart!"

He pointed to the door, and softly said,—

"My heart aches to see one so aged, and weak, and tender, brought here. If you have a home, go to it. If your old heart is troubled, sit down, and I will talk to you after the court closes."

She walked feebly out, tears in her eyes, and when "Jim Fig," the newsboy, offered her a score of pennies, hoping to lighten her burden, she shook her head and said,—

"It's my old heart that aches, and money can't ease it, Lord bless you, boy!"

## Success.

Purposes, however wise without plans, cannot be relied on for good results. Random or spasmodic efforts, like aimless shots, are usually no better than wasted time and strength. The purposes of shrewd men in the business of this life are always followed by carefully formed plans. Whether the object is learning, honor or wealth, the ways and means are all laid out according to the best rules and methods. The mariner has his chart, the architect his plan, and the sculptor his models and all as a means and condition of success. Invention, genius, or even what is sometimes called inspiration, can do little in any department of theoretic or practical science, except as it works by a well formed plan. The every step is an advance toward the accomplishment of the object. Every tack of the ship made according to nautical law keeps her steadily nearing the port. Each stroke of the chisel brings the marble into a closer likeness of the model. No effort of time is lost, for nothing is done rashly or at random.

## Be What You Seem.

A nobleman once gave a grand feast to some of his friends. While his visitors were sitting at the table there came into the room a little lady and gentleman, most splendidly dressed, wearing masks, but no taller than children five or six years old. The gentleman wore a scarlet coat, trimmed with gold lace; his large curly wig was powdered so as to look as white as snow, and in his hand he held a cocked hat. The lady had on a dress of broadcast satin, trimmed with silver spangles. She wore a beautiful little hat and feather, and held a fan in her hand. They began dancing very gracefully, and sprang about in such a charming way that everybody was delighted with these pretty, well-behaved children.

An officer who was dining there, suddenly took a rosy apple from the table and threw it between the pretty dancers. Then there did begin a scuffle and to-do. They fell upon each other, tore each other's clothes, scratching and scrambling, till off fell their head-dresses, and, instead of two pretty children, two ugly monkeys stood before the company. Everybody was surprised, yet laughed aloud, but the old officer said, "Monkeys and foolish people manage to look well for a time in fine clothes, but they soon show what they are."

## An Old Story.

On Wednesday of week before last, Henry A. Martin, a pauper of this county and an inmate of the poor house, was found dead in the road within half a mile of that place. Mr. Martin left Danbury late in the afternoon previous, under the influence of liquor; and, as the night was very cold, it is thought that he froze to death.

There is something unusually sad about the melancholy career of this old man. At one time he belonged to one of the wealthiest and most respected families of Stokes county.—He was a graduate of Chapel Hill College; afterwards was admitted to the bar and engaged in the practice of law; and, still later, represented his county in the State Legislature. He was then regarded as a young man of much promise, but in temperance and evil associations led him down, step by step, to a dishonored name and an humble grave in the pauper's burying ground. The deceased was near eighty years of age. The jury of inquest decided that his death was caused by intoxication and severity of the weather. —*Danbury Reporter.*

## The Poor.

The winter is approaching and there must necessarily, in the most auspicious times, be a great many poor people who will require assistance—for we have the poor always with us. But in view of the peculiar stress of money, and a consequent lack of employment added to recent financial embarrassment in this community, there is every probability that the necessity of aiding the poor will be enhanced this winter, more than existing benevolent organizations will be able to relieve unless materially strengthened. It will not do (especially for those who call themselves Christians) to plead that we are poor. This is comparatively true, and yet it is by other comparison false. It will be very hard if we look around us, not to find some one poorer than we, and less able to provide for themselves. There is small prospect that business, which was so hopefully reviving under the genial influence of bountiful crops and confidence in finances, will resume its usual tone for the next six months to come. Operations of all kinds have received a paralyzing check, and unless relief is devised, much suffering must ensue. In view of this, let us not forget those who may be subject to suffering. We may have but little more than they, and little to give, but little will give relief. Remember, there is that scattered yet increaseth.

## "Come and see Me."

A writer says: Never take "Come and see me" as a phrase meant in earnest unless it be accompanied with a date. Such an invitation amounts to nothing at all. If a lady or gentleman desires your company he or she will appoint a time for your visit. "Call on me when you can make it convenient." "Drop in as you are passing." Make us a visit whenever you have an hour or two to spare, are social ambiguities by which men and women of the world understand that they are not expected to do the thing requested. When people wish to be cheaply polite there is nothing like this kind of vagueness. The complimentary small change of society must always

be taken at a large discount. It is never worth its face or anything like it. Yet it is a convenient medium of exchange, and heavy debts of gratitude that ought to be required in better coin are often paid with it. People who have more polish than principle use it lavishly—plain, blunt honest men sparingly or not at all. Whoever makes a visit to a fashionable house on the strength of a mere "Come and see me," will very often find that the family circle he has dropped into my request is as ungenial as the Arctic circle, and he will probably leave it with a chilly feeling that will prevent him from venturing in the same high latitude again. But when a whole-souled man, whom you know to be your friend, grasps you by the hand and says, "Come and dine with me to-day—dinner on the table at 5 o'clock—be sure to come—we shall expect you," you can take it as certain that your presence is warmly desired. It is pleasant always to make or receive a visit from a friend, but a nod on the street is all sufficient form a fashionable acquaintance.

## Refrains.

It is 'the little foxes that spoil the vines,' and it is the little acts of omission and commission that injure health. The following hints may seem of trifling importance, but they will, if heeded, destroy the 'little foxes' that annoy us:

Eat only three times daily, and never between meals—not a nut or an apple. Drink nothing while eating.

One hearty meal of meat per day is sufficient. The other two should be spare.

Avoid late suppers, pork, spices and pepper, rich pastry, and imperfectly cooked beans.

Wheat, oat and barley meal, with beans, peas, lean meats, fish and wild game, are the best articles of food.

Fruits are cooling to the blood, and specially adapted to warm weather.

Eat slowly, masticate your food well, and eat nothing for three hours before retiring.

Let the time spent at the table be happy. Encourage pleasant, cheerful conversation; joke, but do not argue. Rest a half-hour after every hearty meal.

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