

CHAT WITH OUR READERS.

The Cross Road's Philosopher.

Let a young man at twenty years of age put twenty dollars at interest, instead of expending it for something useless. Then, at the beginning of the next year repeat it, and include also the principal and interest of the preceding year, and thus continue to do from year to year, until he shall have reached the age of seventy; the amount he would realize would exceed thirty thousand dollars. How many of our young men will try it?

Because the fly is small and does not roar like a lion or devour its prey at a mouthful, mankind pays little attention to it. But the fly is as deadly a foe to civilization as any of the pests of more fearsome aspect, which man makes it his business to exterminate. The fly's attack is insidious and therefore the more to be guarded against. He buzzes into the houses, drops his deadly disease germs where they will fertilize and fixates out again to pick up a fresh cargo. Swat him, he is your enemy.

Every man is a part of his town. The town embraces the fortunes, and in some measure at least takes on the character of the man. So loyalty to one's town is no more than loyalty to one's self; and this loyalty is in the line of all well shaped human nature. Therefore it is right to say that the man who does not stand up for his own is in some way dwarfed. There is something wrong about him. His fellows will pass this judgment upon him, and the chances are that while he may add to the discomfort of others he will not escape making himself unhappy.

That young man who thinks he is poor because he has no bank account little understands the value of God's free gift of health and strength, little appreciates the fact that the brightest and best of the country are self-made, and come to the notice of the world from just such beginnings. Not by idle moaning that they are poor, but by going carefully to work, perfecting themselves in their chosen pursuits and becoming so useful to those about them that their services are always in demand whether it be on the platform, in the shop or in the kitchen, for all are honorable alike.

Do you love your town? Do you have any concern for its future? Would you like to see it grow, prosper and extend its trade and influence? If you do, then ask yourself these questions: "Do I help support and maintain its institutions? Do I encourage every movement looking to the up-building of the town? Do I speak a good word for the town and the people at every opportunity? Do I lend assistance to its industries? Do I patronize them? Do I fully understand the duties devolving upon me as a citizen?" If you cannot answer these questions in the affirmative then you are not only a stumbling block but a detriment to any community.

We like to see and hear a man who is proud of his native town. He is an indispensable citizen, although he may be as poor as a church mouse, his name should be written in large letters at the entrance gate of his town as an honor to his memory. We have such with us and they are worth more to the progress of our town than their weight in gold. They know every point of interest and of advantage for miles around; and any stranger falling into their hands will soon learn everything that adds to the honor of our town and will be most favorably impressed. Such persons overlook with true patriotism all shortcomings and magnify with honest citizenship every advantage. Ye grumblers, meditate.

Just a dollar on a mission sent, makes a lot of people glad each time the coin is spent. You pay it to the butcher for the meat to give you strength; he takes it to the grocer from whom it goes at length, some pretty lace or cloth his better half to buy, or help to get her summer hat to make her rival sigh. The dry goods man sent on the coin to pay the market bill, and though the coin is often spent it stays a dollar still, and every time 'tis spent at home, some act of good is done; in booming local industries it's bound to make them run. But if you take the shining coin and break the local chain, the chances are that from afar 'twill not return again. If once it passes out of town the butcher and baker, the grocer and the dry goods man, the furniture man and carpenter, the wagon man and blacksmith, the shoeman and the printer, every one will lose the chance to touch the coin ere the setting of the sun. Just keep the little coin at home, just keep it moving well, and everytime it changes hands somebody's goods 'twill sell. That single little dollar has thus a wondrous power to make somebody happy a dozen times an hour. It pays the bill and wards off ill and n'er its power relaxes, to soothe the doctor, buy the coal and pay for clothes and taxes.

OUR SCRAP BASKET.

This Week as it is Not in History.

Monday, April 10.—T. DeWitt Talmadge invents Pincoke, 1887.
 Tuesday, April 11.—Michael Angelo paints a life size portrait of Andrew Carnegie, 1602.
 Wednesday, April 12.—Emperor William forbids the Crown Prince playing with a pop-gun, 1870.
 Thursday, April 13.—Rameses II poses for Charles Dana Gibson, 1916.
 Friday, April 14.—Robert Fulton talks across the continent, through the telephone, about his steamboat invention, 1790.
 Saturday, April 15.—Ivan the Terrible, of Russia, weeps over the tomb of Napoleon, in Paris, 1800.
 Sunday, April 16.—Sir Joshua Reynolds assists the Queen of Italy in the composing of "Carmen," 1799.

Crippled Mother Goose Rhymes.
 Little Miss Muffet,
 Sat on a tuffet,
 Eating canned curds and whey;
 But ptomaine poison spied her,
 And sat down beside her,
 And of course, knowing that she was in great danger, Miss Muffet refused to eat any more.

Home Grows Daffydill.
 If you had been designing a new flag in colors, and found it would look better in black and white, would you use Pennon ink?
 When a book is so bad that it gives you pain, why not have revenge by putting it on the rack?
 If music were taught in the ocean, would it take long for a salmon to learn the fish scale?
 Could a pair of black knitted gloves be called grow shade?
 If a button was broken through the middle, could a needle and thread make the button whole?

Learns a Little Every Day.
 The Peruvians and Bolivians make boats of straw.
 The latest piece of fire-fighting machinery is a tri-chemical engine.
 A vessel is being built on Lake Michigan, to ply between California and Alaska.
 Magnesia is being shipped from Skagway, Alaska, in large quantities, much of it for European countries.
 The oxygen inhaler has made it possible to make balloon flights above 25,000 feet.
 New York has 4,600 hotels and restaurants.

Washable Toys are the Safest.
 Childish ailments are often difficult to account for, and even doctors are puzzled at times. But in cases like this one medical man, with children of his own, always asks: "Where are the children's toys?" Then often the problem is solved, and the case can easily be diagnosed as one of mild poisoning.
 Most toys find their way into the children's mouths, the gaudy paint is sucked off, and trouble naturally follows. Some toys, wooden or tin trumpets, for example, have the paint actually on the mouthpiece or within an inch of it. India rubber toys are favorites, but they should be uncolored, as the paint becomes brittle, breaks off, and a piece may be swallowed and cause severe stomach trouble.
 Washable toys are always the best.

A Delightful Desert.
 Is well worth getting acquainted with because it will serve a company of 30 people at a cost of sixty cents. It requires one quart of milk, one pint of cream, two cups of sugar, one pound of dates, and the juices of one lemon and one orange. Wash and chop dates and blend with the milk, then add cream, sugar and lastly the fruit juices. Pack in ice and salt and freeze. Could anything be simpler?

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Learns a Little Every Day.
 Nearly two hundred and fifty million dollars were spent in this country last year for good roads.
 In this country from 36 to 40 per cent of the cases requiring charity are due to sickness.
 Since the American occupation of Hawaii the leper population has decreased fifty per cent.

Indications are that work will be begun at once on Lumberton's new up-to-date hotel. Contract was let for the erection of the building last week. Mr. J. E. Beaman of Raleigh being the contractor. The price to be paid for the erection of the building, heating and plumbing not included, is \$25,750.



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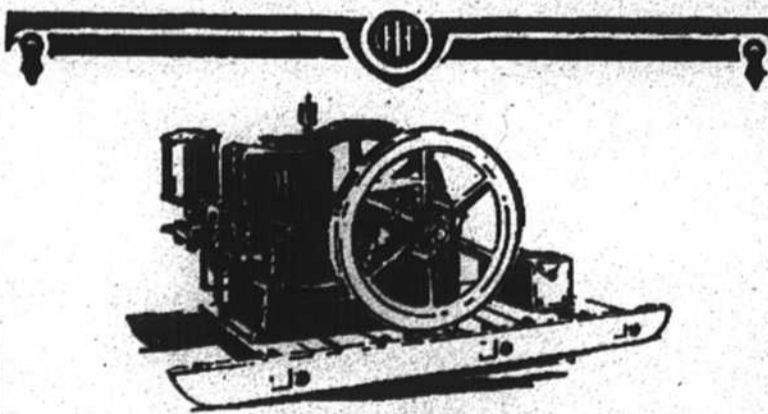
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