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THIS WEEK'S POEM

By Sion M. Lynam

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KINDLE YOUR FIRES

Kindle your fires, Beloved,
The world is cold;
Shadows have fallen about it,
So gray and old;
Shadows through which men stumble
And learn to fear
Corpses of dead things and dripping
Tears that they bear.

Kindle your fires, Beloved,
Out on the plains;
Kindle them high on the mountains
In winter rains.
Wandering children will welcome
Your points of fire,
Lighting the long trail upward
Toward man's desire.

Kindle your fires, Beloved,
Dark is the way.
Signals of hope are needed
Until the day
Gloriously breaks on the hilltops,
Ending the night.
Kindle your fires, Beloved,
All through the night.

COLLEGE CURRICULA

To criticize is easy; to offer a solution to the subject is difficult. It seems that the present-day college curricula are faulty. They too closely confine the tastes of the student.

There are those who continue to insist that the proper training for a person is to have him study those subjects which present the most difficulty for him. If this theory be true, the logical course for a man to pursue in life would be to engage in that occupation or profession that would be the hardest for him and would cause him to expend more time and energy to do poorly the same thing that the man who has an aptitude for it would do well.

We have read in history and in literature of men who refused to concur with the opinion of the school authorities in the matter of a prescribed course. In most cases these men were branded as incorrigible and dismissed from the school. It is disappointing, however, to those who advocate the limitations in curricula that these men developed into the greatest men in history instead of the ne'er-do-wells that they would have had them develop into.

When a student confines himself to the college curriculum he is allowing someone else to think and plan for him. When a student reaches the age at which he is permitted to enter a college or university he has reached the age at which he should be able to think for himself.

If a man has time and monetary wealth he may indulge in the luxury of taking some "cut and dried" college curriculum as his guide in the pursuit of studies, and when his course is completed he may then go to a university and engage in the work of preparing himself for his profession or business.

Let us take as a concrete example a young man who desires to be a journalist. He enters a college in which he is required to pursue a course in Latin, a course in Greek, a course in Bible, and a course in English, with the choice of electing between church history and government history. When this young man completes his college course he is about as well prepared to be a journalist as a hermit is to entertain in honor of some of New York's "four hundred." Had he been permitted to elect courses leading to journalism he would have been, at least, in a position to have begun a career as cub reporter on a newspaper.

When colleges arrange curricula that more nearly fill the needs of the students there will be fewer "square pegs in round holes."

BIBLE HEALTH VERSES

By Anna I. Helfenstein, M. D.
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I

Psalms 67: 2: That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Psalms 42:11: Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Jer. 8:22: Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

Jer. 8:15: We looked for peace, (but no good came,) and for a time of health and behold trouble.

Prov. 16:24: Pleasant words are as an honey comb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Isaiah 58:8: Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily.

III John 2: Behold, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Two dusky small boys were quarreling. One was pouring forth a volume of vituperous epithets, while the other leaned against a fence and calmly contemplated him. When the flow of language was exhausted, he said:

"Are you troof?"
"Yess."
"You ain't got nuffin more to say?"
"No."
"Well, all dem, t'ings what you called me, you is."

A group of workmen were talking politics, when one of the disputants turned to a friend who remained silent.

"I ain't a-going to say," said Bill doggedly. "Me and Henry Green thrashed it once before."

"What did you arrive at?" asked the first.

"Well," said Bill, "Hennery, he arrived at the hospital, and I arrived at the police station."

Captain (sharply)—"Button up that coat."

Married Recruit (absently)—"Yes, my dear."—The Alleghany Campus.

To write a column is a disease That keeps one from a week of ease. To write this punk is just a fright; It keeps one up most every night. If you don't fill up ten inches or more, The editor-in-chief—well she gets sore. Yet if you think that it's such a cinch, Please send in about an inch. —Selected.

JAKE BLAKE SAYS:

Las' week dey crowds me out kase at Thanksgiving nobody wants de dark meat.



Listen Billy

Sling—SLANG—Slung

Dearest Billy:

This week we wears our Ps & Qs. Our speech is at the bar of justice and for 7 days we is supposed by vote not to use the gutter grammer. I votes too thinking there was no dangling participle in my neighborhood, but alas I too use slang.

Billy, here somethings you didnt know. I am going to write you most everday so yuo will get educated more quicker. You already owes me fore \$ fewtewion and you ought not to keep your faculty waiting. More tomorrow.

Tomorrow, In my budwoir.

Dear Bill:

This slang problem is aging me daily. The more I tries to talk correct the more I deviates. Three of my best phrases has gone overboard, namely "It aint nothing diffrent," "Aint that frog feet" & "Do you get me Steve." Instead now I has got say, "It is not nothing diffrent," "Aint that an amphib's foot" & "Can you reach to where Im at Steven?"

You uses slang also Billy and when it slips up on you there is only one way around him. Insted of talking natural, use bigger words and say 'em fast. If you talk slang continuously then you cant talk English and the only place they will understand you is in a chinese laundry.

Sighing off at 10:49 Elon Time.

After Supper, Dec. 5 or 6th.

Dear Billy:

Boy theyre on my trail now. Next week exams starts. An exam is a dress parade of all you ought to know and in general is not ready, I guess they run the dates up on us. I have never been through one of these exams before but they says it is mustard gass, heavy artillery, a machine gun storm and bayonet stabs thrown in for lokal color.

This battle starts about the 15th inclusive and casualties and a list of wounded is published shortly. Look for me amidst the wounded.

Dumbell.

Getting sleepy, Dec. 7enth.

Friend Wm.:

We had a music recital which was Art. Art with a cappital R. The fellows I nose and young ladies met at 4 O'clock in the P. M. in the chappel and we was entertained with singing to music, playing on a piano and fiddling on a violon. I liked it just as well as the big operas singer what came some time ago and warbled in Dutch and a evenin dress. Mebbe I will take up music. One guy says I have got a ear for it. I believe it for onct in a circus I saw a elephant beat a drum with his ear and what any elephant can do is not above my ambition.

Yours in a new overcoat,

Dumbell.

On class.

Dear Padderrooskie's playmate:

Last night I didn't write cause I was in Burlington and you cant write while standing on no st. corner. We went to the movies but Scads lost his money so we couldnt get in and I was hungrier than a bear and we had a rough time trying to entertain each other in a strange place when we dont see each other but 42 times per diem. Had to walk home and everything. I'm never going off the campus again unless there is a bank cashier in the crowd.

Xmas will soon be here but when it gets here I'm going to be at home. Yours forgifts,

Dumbell.

With a cold.

Dear Snoots:

Billy you wont get mad with me (Continued on page four.)

SIMMON SEEDS

THE OIL CAN BLUES

Each year we swear, and mean it well, That all next term we'll study through. Good intentions pave the city of sham, Now lamplight flickers-while we cram.

Cram, cram, pack the knowledge in,— Bits of facts of this and that; Rest of the time we spend our tin, Empty the spot beneath our hat.

Tonight we're on the other road; The freighter is taking aboard a load Of chemies, latin, origin of peat, Cology, ology, tout de sweet.

Cram, cram, tamp the lessons down; Bits of books, not bits of the town. What's going on 'neath every frown? Not sport prospects nor a Lucile gown.

The little restles facts dart about and grin,

Ready to come out faster than ever they went in. Good intentions waned again, now we face defeat;

These night the profs meet us not singing in the street.

Cram, cram, choked on a thousand pages,

Facts quite old and theory bold snapped up from the sages.

It's the last time ever that this terror falls on me.

Next term I study every night—not on in ninety-three.

K. A. D. A.

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ROMANCIA'S ROUNDELAY

(A Short Story, Growing Shorter)

Synopsis Continued

—a three-foot piece of yardstick which he drops when seized with amazement on recognizing the sideburns of Larty Simonson, whom he met at the jungle fair in Wenobpenowisa on the seacoast of the great African interior. The prof and Larty shake hands while Romancia and Mike shake their heads. "To whom it may concern, Greetings," says the prof. "It must be me," chimes in Larty.

Chapter 3

Bewilderment spreads over Romancia's brow there at the bonny blackboard.

Chapter 4

"Pieces of Ate," says old Polly, Atop the mizzen mast.

Sunken Sandbag.

The buzzer buzzes the ¾ hour unheard.*

*N. B.—Just here the great guns in Fort Cheesebox are trained on our little group. For twenty years the Cheesoniens have awaited the chance of getting the crown princess and political elite of Possumonnia together so they might take a snapshot. The silence is shattered by the command to fire—

To be continued.

Thrills galore! See the next installment.

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Two weeks from today do you know where I will be?

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We've heard it often. We hope you're on the Christmas tree.

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The local market quotes pocket knowledge scarce with a great demand ahead.

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Slang Week brought us two good ones—Bully Boy and Hainer's Chariot.

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Little timid freshmen, From chewing on the stubbles, Now catch a train for home To air most of their troubles.

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