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Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud;
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.
—W. E. HENLEY in Boston Transcript.

HE SAVED HIS MONEY.
What Economy in All Things Can
Do in Less Than Eighty Years—
Victor Williams, who is reported
to be worth \$20,000, and whose
mortgages, leases and contracts
blanket many a farm in the towns
of Lyme, Lorraine and Cape Vin-
cent, walked into Watertown from
Three-Mile Bay, where he lives
with a nephew, and "does chores
for his board," last Wednesday,
carrying slung across his arm a
well-blackened pair of cowhide boots
in which were stowed away big
rolls of greenbacks, aggregating
many thousand dollars, besides
other securities rivaling in value
the contents of many a country
bank vault.

The old capitalist had been on a
collecting tour among the farms of
the mentioned towns, gathering in
the interest on his mortgages, and
coming to Watertown deposited
his gatherings in the vaults of cer-
tain of the city banks, after which
he started out to walk back to the
farm, leaving early that he might
reach home in time to take care of
the farmer's stock.

In appearance the old man, who
must have passed his eightieth
birthday, is suggestive of anything
but a capitalist, as his cowhide
boots, which he always carries with
him on his trips, are suggestive of
anything but the depositories of
money and securities. He wears,
winter and summer, a well-patched
pair of denim overalls stuffed into
a pair of long-legged rubber boots,
while his faded coat is belted
around his stooped and bent body
by a piece of clothesline with an
iron ring in lieu of a buckle. His
gray hair protrudes from beneath
a low-drawn Scotch cap, and his
shrewd, wrinkled visage is framed
with a fringe of gray beard. His
eyes, in spite of his eighty years,
are as keen as a hawk's, and he
never for an instant allows his
glance to wander from his bootleg
bags.

This little, bent and shabbily
dressed man has made every cent
of his wealth by his industry, frug-
ality and strict economy, and ev-
ery penny of his possessions have
been honestly accumulated. He
was born on a little rocky farm
near the Burnt Rock schoolhouse,
in the town of Lyme, some eighty
years ago, and after attaining his
majority worked for neighboring
farmers in summer and taught dis-
trict schools in winter for several
years, but evidently gave up the
wielding of the birch and spent his
life up to a few years ago as a
farmerhand in unremitting toil, often
working in the field for the scant
wages of the "hired man" on farms
he could have owned in his own
name simply by foreclosing the
mortgage which he held thereon
and which reposed in his cowhide
boots.

As he received his board and got
his "washing and mending" done
gratuitously on the farms where he
toiled, he was able to save nearly
every cent of his wages. The first
dollar earned by him he still keeps,
and has kept ninety-nine out of ev-
ery one hundred, he says, earned
since. Like many another man,
he found that the hardest struggle
was to save the first \$1,000. Since
that was earned and its interest be-
gan to pile up, the rest, he says,
has been easy.

A few years ago he gave up
working among the farmers for
wages, and has since lived with his
nephew near Three-Mile Bay, but
has by no means been idle. Peri-
odically he slings his pair of cow-
hide boots across his arm and
starts out on a collecting tour, tak-
ing along his papers, and making
new leases and contracts as occa-
sion requires. He has never, it is
said, paid a lawyer a cent, always
securing a compromise in any dif-
ference which has arisen between
himself and his tenants. As he
owns no farms in his own name,
only holding mortgages, etc., he is
little bothered by the tax gatherer.
He is said to have very decided
opinions regarding the income tax
and the taxation of mortgages.—
Syracuse Herald.

Late to bed and early to rise, pre-
pares a man for his home in the skies.
But early to bed and a Little Early
Riser, the pill that makes life longer
and better and wiser. Howard Gardner.

DESERTED CITY.
Built of Marble Without Inhabitants
to Admire its Splendor.

In the county of North Hastings,
Ont., is a deserted town called
Bridgewater, which is built entirely
of marble. About 25 years ago a
farmer's wife was searching in the
woods for a pig that had strayed
away. In a particularly dense part
of the forest she found a cold
spring of crystal water, and stopped
to drink from it. As she did so
she slipped on a round stone and
fell into the water. Attracted by
the peculiar color of the stone, she
fished it out and took it home. In-
vestigation showed it to be a 20-
pound nugget of almost pure gold.

Within six months the wilderness
had blossomed into the thriving
town of Bridgewater, with 5,000
inhabitants. There were old '49ers
from the Pacific Slope, amateurs
from Great Britain and the United
States, prospectors from every field.
Shafts and tunnels were driven by
the hundreds. In the sinking of a
shaft a mile south of the town, on
a claim of B. Flint, of Belleville,
who is now a member of the Can-
adian Senate, a vein of white
marble was discovered. At the
suggestion of Flint, who wanted
little or nothing for the material,
the town of Bridgewater was built
of solid marble. It has even to
this day a court house, school,
church, hotel, stores and private
dwellings constructed wholly of
this material.

While the town was booming the
entire country round was prospected.
Some of the shafts and tun-
nels were driven more than 100
feet in depth, but, remarkable as it
may seem, there was never enough
gold found to pay the cost of a
single mine in the district.

The place where the original
nugget was found was christened
"Aladdin's Cave," and the land in
its vicinity sold at fabulous prices.
One farmer whose farm adjoined
the cave sold five acres to an Eng-
lish syndicate for \$100,000 cash.
The syndicate spent another \$100,-
000 in developing the claim, but
never obtained an ounce of free
gold. An aged Irishman at Bridge-
water, Patrick Keough, received
an offer of \$125,000 for his farm,
which consisted of 100 acres of
rock-piled, barren land. He re-
fused the offer, holding out for
\$150,000, which he never got. To-
day any one could buy the property
for a dollar an acre.

Within a couple of years it be-
came apparent to all that mining
in Bridgewater would never pay,
and the prospectors and citizens
departed, leaving the marble town
to settle down to a futureless deso-
lution.

Tallest Lie of the Season.
And while we are talking about
congressmen, I want to take time
to remark that the gentleman from
North Dakota is a bit of a racon-
teur, and that his specialty is an-
ecdotes relating to the character
and habits of the mosquito of his
state. You may think that just
because you have spent a summer
in the New Jersey lowlands you
know something about mosquitoes,
but unless you have lived beside a
Dakota slough—"slew," they call
it out there—you haven't an idea
what mosquitoes can be. Nobody
in that forlorn land attempts to sit
out of doors in the evening with-
out the protection of the smoke
from a "smudge" fire. However,
as to the story the gentleman from
North Dakota tells. He was out
on his farm, one day, when sudden-
ly he was taken by a cloud of mos-
quitoes. For protection he crawled
under a big iron soap kettle.
Even that gave him inadequate
protection, for one by one the mos-
quitoes bored through the kettle
till the inside bristled with their—
what do you call them, by the way?
—their stings—their well, their
sine qua non, one may say. But
the congressman was prepared.
Taking a small sledge hammer
from his pocket, he hammered each
sine qua non until it bent, and its
owner could not withdraw it. After
an hour or so of this labor the mos-
quitoes gave up the attack, rose
in the air, and being unable to de-
tach themselves from the kettle,
carried it away with them.—Wash-
ington Post.

"She Talked Too Much." Call at
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The following letter, which in a
way explains itself, was one Satur-
day received from a customer at a
clothing house: "This leg (the one
the paper is pinned on, the right
one, that is the one on the right
hand side when a person has them
on facing the inside front) is the
correct length. The left leg (that
is the one on the other side) in fact
the only other leg, through some
ridiculous absurdity of cutting or
measuring is an inch short. In all
other respects the fit is perfect. As
there is not enough to let down
in left leg to make up difference
would suggest you make new pair
of whole material.

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W. M. BARBER, Editor PATRIOT, Greensboro, N. C.

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Duty.
It has been said by a great man
that "duty is the sublimest word in
the English language." Indeed
duty is so sublime a thing that
some very conscientious people
have an exaggerated idea of it.
There can be no question as to
the simple fact that the secret of hap-
piness lies in the faithful discharge
of one's duty. The person who, as
he understands it, faithfully dis-
charges his duty to his God and to
his fellow man will be happy as far
as human happiness can be attain-
ed. But he who lives under an ex-
aggerated idea, as we have said, of
what his duty is will be as unhappy
as he is derelict. Such people go on
and do the best that they can, yet
reproach themselves and are miser-
able because all does not turn out
well.

We are not responsible for re-
sults. Our sphere of action, our
capabilities are limited. We can
only act in the living present, and
we cannot control the future, and hence
we cannot fairly be held responsi-
ble for what the future may bring
forth. God could not be a just
God and require at our hands any-
thing more than a faithful per-
formance of the duties of the hour,
and if we live by that rule we may
be sure that results will be taken
care of. Naturally we are sorry
when we fail and often we are cast
down by failure. Every man loves
success, every man is sorry to make
a mistake, but the philosophy of
life is to give to the work in hand
and to all our work our time and
our best talents and energies, doing
the best that we can and leave the
results alone. This does not imply
that our endeavors will not often
miscarry. It is not meant to guar-
antee the success of all enterprises
which one undertakes. But this
much is certain, that man who
walks uprightly and who lives a
dutiful life will have builded up a
well rounded character, will have
made a success of his life, and that
after all is what we are put here
for.

The trouble with over-conscien-
tious people is that they do not
look far enough, they do not see
their actions and the results from
the right point of view. They look
without when they should look
within. The great work of every
man's life is not railroad-building,
or factory-building, newspaper-
building, but character building.
There is no promise that the rail-
roads, the factories, the newspapers,
or any of the enterprises of life
which we undertake will in them-
selves be successful, but there is
promise and absolute guarantee
that the faithful discharge of duty
in all the departments of life will
by and by make perfect character,
and perfect character means per-
fect happiness for all eternity.
Character can never fail.—Rich-
mond Times.

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