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NOT TOO LATE TO SUCCEED.

THE POOR BOY OF TO-DAY WILL BE THE CAPITALIST OF THE NEXT GENERATION.

Baltimore Sun.

When in an effort to insure the addition of the young or to encourage them to effort, instances are cited of poor boys who have won fortune or distinction for themselves by their own unaided efforts, the usual reply is that times have changed, but there is no longer opportunity for the lad without capital or influence. But the same thing was said in the sixties, when the rich and influential men of today began their business careers. Few of the millionaires of today thought at the outset that they could attain their present position. They aimed only at a competence, but fortune smiled upon them and they attained more than they sought. Money is not the only measure of success in life, but great fortunes are commonly attained by successful effort in any calling that one may be engaged in. For taking it as the best of measures, there are occasionally great armies or great writers who do not become famous until after they have ceased their labors, and consequently get no money reward therefor, but they are the exception, at least in our day and generation, and outside of the professions success is properly measured by the money returns of effort. It is true that the aggregation of capital in corporations intended to do the work of individuals, the increased use of costly machinery in the arts and more recently the formation of gigantic trusts seem to close the avenues to success in individual effort, but they do not do so, they only change the direction of the forces that lead to fortune. The corporations and trusts have no ability in themselves—even capital is helpless if not wisely directed—and inventors and managers who can devise new means of serving the people efficiently are always in demand. Just how the poor young man of today is to enter into competition with great corporations and succeed in spite of them cannot be foretold, if it could he would have no opportunity to reap the benefit thereof, for he would have tens of thousands of individual competitors, but that the way is open there is no reason to doubt. Thirty years ago no one could have gone into the business of making locomotives without large capital, for the business was in the hands of rich firms and corporations provided with labor-saving machinery which in itself cost millions of dollars. Yet one of the largest firms engaged in locomotive building to-day is composed in part of young men who thirty years ago were without capital and without any prospect of becoming members of the firm. Their skill as draughtsmen, mechanics and inventors won them their places in the firm and served as an offset to capital. The oil business has been the foundation of several great fortunes. Twenty years ago it seemed to a young man engaged in the retail trade to be in the hands of great monopolists, but he attended faithfully to his little branch of the business, learned how to improve the great product, extended his trade until he commanded consideration, and today he is an associate of the men who control the oil output of the country. The instances could be multiplied almost indefinitely. It is true that one cannot succeed in business by pursuing the methods of one hundred years ago; that more capital is required to begin business than before the days of machinery; but it is also true that capital is an almost unlimited amount in the service of any young man who has prepared his works that he can make profitable use of. For one who succeeds many will fail, the prizes may not be as numerous as before, but they are more valuable, and it is quite certain that the opportunities for advancement exist today as they did when the journeyman was able to set up in business for himself with no other capital than his knowledge and his kit of tools. The poor boy of today will be the capitalist of the next generation, but just how he will do about improving his condition cannot be fully foretold. He will do it, however, by industry, frugality, intelligence, and, above all, by establishing a high reputation for probity which shall encourage other men to entrust him with their savings, thus providing him with the capital needed for new enterprises. Now, more than at any other period of the world's history, opportunities are offered to men with ideas, men of energy, men of high character, as well as to men with money.

Danger Ahead.

THE "FAST" YOUNG MAN.

THE DUTY OF FATHERS TO PORTRAY HIM IN HIS TRUE LIGHT.

In The Ladies' Home Journal Edward W. Bok writes of the "fast" man and the duties of fathers to their daughters in placing him where he belongs and warning them against him. Mr. Bok believes that if it is said of a man that "he has seen the world"—in other words, is "fast"—there is instantly a singular glamour about him in the eyes of young girls—girls as good and pure as were ever created. There is a scent of danger about such a man, and there are girls for whom danger, even of this sort, has a singular fascination. "The girls know that these men are bad. But so long as they respect me and treat me as a lady, where's the harm?" says the young woman when she is called to account for her company.

"As a matter of fact, the exact things which a man does to earn the reputation of being 'fast' are neither known nor dreamed of by the girls for whom such a reputation has this glamour. The trouble lies in the fact that our girls are brought up under a system which hesitates to call a spade by its right name. We are afraid of offending or of shocking certain fancied sensitivities, whereas, in reality, we make the greater mistake of making diamonds out of spades and giving our girls a wrong idea of actual things. It is all very well to be tender in our regard for the feelings of our girls, but there is a limit, a point at which discretion becomes a crime. And that point has been reached when girls are allowed to know and associate with such men as unbecomingly of the danger. When every mother or father, or person with whom the duty may rest, places the 'fast' man where he belongs and portrays him in his true light, it will be better for our girls. It is high time that some of them should know that the man who leads anything but a pure life boys, in every instance, that experiences at a distinct sacrifice to himself and at a tremendous cost to the girl who marries him."

BEAUREGARD ON

LOTTERIES.

Although General Beauregard allowed the use of his name to a lottery company he didn't think much of lotteries, according to a writer in the Chicago Times-Herald. One day he received a long letter and a dollar from a man living in Mississippi who wanted a ticket that would be certain to win. He reminded the general that he had faithfully served the Confederacy four years and that at times he had fought under him. He stood, moreover, that when he returned to his old home after the war he had no clothes enough to wear a shotgun. Gen. Beauregard sent his Confederate friend a ticket, and in the same letter inclosed the following note:

"I trust that you may win the capital prize. One as poor as you say you are certainly deserves a different sort of luck from the kind that you say you have been having. But use my words, if you stick to the lottery as faithfully and as long as you say you did to the Confederacy, when you get through with it you won't have clothes enough to wear a pigpen."

TAKE TIME FOR THE BIBLE

As we drift along the swift, relentless current of time toward the end of life, as days and weeks and months and years follow each other in breathless haste, and we reflect now and then for a moment that, at any rate for us, much of this earthly career has passed irrevocably, what are the interests, thoughts—aye, the books—which really command our attention? What do we read and leave unread? What time do we give to the Bible? No other book, let us be sure of it, can equally avail to prepare us for that which lies before us, for the unknown anxieties and sorrows which assail us sooner or later the portion of most men and women; for the gradual approach of death, for the period, be it long or short, of waiting and preparation for the throne and face of the Eternal Judge. Look back from the world, how shall we desire to have made the most of our best gifts to it! How shall we judge the hours we have wasted on any—be they thoughts or books or teachers—which only become the things of time?

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Rising To Influence.

PERUSE CAREFULLY.

THE MAN WHO RECEIVED ONE TALENT AND HID IT IN THE EARTH RECEIVED NO REWARD.

It is quite proper that every one, like the Apostle Paul, should "learn in whatsoever state he is, therewith to be content." And yet it is just as proper for every one called to the performance of very humble service to aspire to a higher and more honorable position. The apprentice wishes to become a journeyman, the journeyman a master workman, and the master workman a proprietor. And so in every department of worldly business which it is lawful for a Christian to pursue he is not to be blamed if he desires to better his condition by meritorious promotion to a higher position.

Jeroboam, king of Israel, rose from a very humble condition to the highest position of worldly honor possible to any one of his time. Both his father and mother were obscure persons, who would never have been heard of had not the son gained distinction. His father died while he was young, and his mother lived in widowhood on the mountains of Ephraim, dependent upon her son for support. Jeroboam, when a young man, was employed by Solomon, and repaired the breach of the city of David. He did his work so well, and displayed so much industry and skill, that Solomon promoted him to a place of higher honor and greater responsibility. "And Solomon saw the young man that he was industrious, and he gave him charge over all the labor of the house of Joseph."

This young man Jeroboam started in life with no greater advantages than are possessed by most of young men. He was industrious and energetic. Solomon, wise man that he was, had an oversight of his servants and workmen. He observed that Jeroboam acceptably performed the duties devolving upon him in the subordinate position which he occupied, and he therefore gave him charge over all the labor of the house of Joseph. Jeroboam continued to rise, until he became king of the ten tribes, and would have been next to David and Solomon in the majesty and glory of his kingdom, if he had walked in God's way and kept His commandments, as David did.

The rising of Jeroboam, from the humblest position of his youth until he became the ruler of his people, began with Solomon's recognition of his industry in building the wall of Jerusalem. He was in fact "the architect of his own fortune." His filling the lowly position well won for him the higher place.

Andrew Carnegie, like Jeroboam, the son of a poor widow, was an office boy, and occupied other menial positions, but he, like Jeroboam, was "industrious," and performed all his humble duties faithfully, and there always seems to be a higher place for those who are conspicuously useful in an humble position.

And this suggests to us that the right way, the sure way, and the honorable way to rise in the world is to "do with our might whatsoever our hand findeth to do." The man who received one talent and hid it in the earth, received no reward, but was cast off "a wicked and slothful servant." The man who received five talents and gained other five, was "industrious."

HIS FUGERAL SERMON.

"De fr'en' what 's a preachin' over," said the colored deacon, "is done pas ter 'em whilst he wuz wid us, but Death kooched 'im for de sheriff. He passed away coolin' er de blizzard, w'en hit wuz so col dat he had a chill which wuz de season er springtime, but forced de season er come on 'im. He went 'ashiverin' in de night time. He wuz short er coal in dis 'world', but bless God! he won't run out er it in de nex'! De city waterpipes burst on 'im, an' he didn't have no water to drink. But dey don't drink water whar he at now—'least' ways, de rich man didn't w'en he wuz Mister Lather's ter run de hose on 'im. He didn't take nuttin' out er hit, 'cept de rheumatism in his left leg. Hit is now my privilege to consist 'im ter de dust, whar we all gwine lak a race horse on a plank road, er we don't study de wants er de heathen er wake up w'en de bat is gwine round. Bear witness, pass de hat whilst we sing!"—Constitution.

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Houdin's Magic.

HE MYSTIFIES THE ARABS

BUT IT'S EASY ENOUGH AFTER ALL WHEN YOU KNOW HOW ITS DONE.

To witness Houdin's first performance in Algiers the native tribes were invited. The theater was speedily filled with them and the French officials who attended in all their pomp and glory. Interpreters were scattered through the house in order to repeat Houdin's remarks to the natives in their own language. With true Oriental dignity and gravity, the Arabs witnessed the first few tricks in stolid silence, but the taking of a huge cannon ball from a borrowed hat aroused great excitement.

Then came the great tricks of the evening—especially prepared to astonish the Arabs.

"By a wonderful power which I possess," said Houdin, "I can deprive any man of his strength. I invite any one to prove my words."

On this being interpreted to the Arabs a tall, strong man stepped forward on the stage. Houdin held in his hand a little iron box, and balancing it carefully on his little finger, he asked the Arab: "Are you strong?"

"Yes," replied the man carelessly.

"Are you sure of always remaining so?"

"Always."

"Lift that box."

The Arab did so, and asked contemptuously: "Is that all?"

"Wait," said Houdin, making a solemn gesture. "Now you are weaker than a woman." Try to lift that box again."

The Arab seized the handle and tugged again. He could not raise the box an inch from the floor. After many attempts he paused for a moment to brace himself for a final effort. He seized the handle again, but shrieked aloud with pain, dropped on his knees, then rising, threw his cloak around his face to conceal his shame, and rushed from the theater, leaving his compatriots stricken with fear.

The trick was so simple as the result was startling. The box was placed on a powerful electro-magnet, and the current being complete, no man on earth could have lifted it. An electric shock, sent at a signal by Houdin, from behind the stage, was what caused the Arab to shriek and hurriedly retreat.