

THE NOVELETTE

OBJECT LESSONS
(Henry Ward Beecher)

One would almost think that eyes were an arrangement to prevent people from seeing. The same thought passed in the mind of the old prophet thousand of years ago: "Eyes have they, but they see not." It is astonishing to observe what people do see and what they do not. One pair of eyes, for instance, will return from a crowded church, and will have seen by an almost super-human faculty, as it seems to us, every bonnet, every ribbon every dress, every significant look, every posture of action of a thousand people. Our own eyes, looking upon the same scene, would not have seen one of all these things.

One pair of eyes will go through the length of Broadway, and see only those who seem to look upon the eyes of said eyes. Another pair will not have seen one person in that long walk nor have missed one horse that walked, trotted, capered, or steadily pulled.

One man will see all the children, the sweet, rosy-faced, clean ones gladly; the ragged and keen-faced ones sadly. One man will see all that art can exhibit, and another nothing of it at all. One man sees machines and mechanical contrivances; another sees only dresses and showy things.

Now and then there is a rare head whose eyes seem to take in everything—from a mouse that scuds into a hole, up through all varieties of still or active life to the very top. And some there be who will see nothing. For all the effects produced upon them Broadway is as empty as a street in Tadmor. Their eyes seem to have been made up with unprepared nerves, so that, like a daguerrean plate without chemical coating, nothing acts upon it, and no picture is burned in.

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It is a great pity that we are not taught, in our early days, how to see. It is more important than reading and writing, than arithmetic or geography. In a world of boundless treasures, above, beneath, on every side, we walk as if there were but few things worth seeing. And even these when we have looked upon them once or twice, we exhaust, and suppose that we have rearily seen them.

A man shall pass and repass a burdock growing near the path which he daily treads going to and returning from his work. He would laugh if he were told that he did not know that familiar plant. And yet, in making it, God put upon it and within it a hundred things which are worth observation, but which this man never sees or suspects.

The least things that come from God's hands are so full, so compact of qualities, that they will bear close scrutiny and long study. And we think that the chief advantage to be derived from teaching children to draw is not to be found in the pictures made, but in the new eyesight gained. This, however, implies that they are to be taught to draw directly from nature, and not from copy books. Let a child study a plant, in order to draw it, and he will find out more about it in one day than otherwise he would in a lifetime. We only glance at things.

We overlook more than we see in the things which we see most thoroughly. It would be a good exercise for winter evenings for children to have placed before them a rosebush at a flowerpot, and let each tell what he sees, and keep the list; and then let older eyes do the same; and then from all together, make out a more complete one; and laying it aside, every day, when things occur afterwards, let them be put down.

The eye is susceptible of more training than perhaps any other of the senses. Fineness of sight length of vision, comprehensiveness, or the number of things taken in at once, and rapidly—these may be so far developed that the educated eye is as far above the uneducated as refined and cultivated mind is beyond a savage one. Houdin, the great French necromancer, relates the practice of himself and son in preparing for one part of their jugglery. They trained their eyes to take in at a glance, from a shop window, from a store full of varieties, from the face of books in library, the greatest number of things. They came to such perfection that in simply walking past a library case they could afterwards tell you nearly every book on its shelves, and its relative position. Their eyes seemed to be acted upon in a manner not unlike the photographic process. A picture was instantly formed. And, afterwards, it rose up before its memories as if the original thing stood before them. Such incidents show how little use is yet made of eyes, and how little we suspect the capabilities of education.

Potentiality Of Time.

Men of business are accustomed to quote the maxim that Time Is Money; but it is more; the proper improvement of it is self-culture, self-improvement, and growth of character. An hour wasted daily on trifles or in indolence, would, if devoted to self-improvement, make an ignorant man wise in a few years, and, employed in good works, would make his life fruitful, and death a harvest of worthy deeds. Fifteen minutes a day devoted to self-improvement will be felt at the end of the year. Good thoughts and carefully fathered experience take up no more room, and may be carried about as our companions everywhere, without cost or incumbrance.

Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance or medicine, but lost time is gone forever.

TWO MINUTES OF OPTIMISM

(By Herman J. Stitch)
Overtime Thinking.

"This stuff about forgetting your work as soon as you quit the office and 'resting the mind' is a lot of bosh," Charley Schwab once said to me. "Few big men ever completely forget or get away from their responsibilities."

Is it not so? Haven't we all noticed it? Isn't it a fact that the fruitfulness of a man's office hours depends upon the turn of his thoughts in his leisure hours?

Almost every man who is pre-eminent—whether as merchant, writer, artist, scientist, statesman, lawyer or physician—is inseparable from his work.

You can't play at work, but you can always work at play.

This does not mean that a man's recreative hours should be oppressed down with the import and portent of his labors; it means simply keeping in a receptive frame of mind, staying on the subconscious watch for opportunity, playing—yet with business. This is what I mean.

A Massachusetts soldier in the Civil War went hunting—with business; shot a bird that was hulling rice, and, taking its bill for a model, invented a hulling machine which revolutionized the rice business as Eli Whitney's cotton gin revolutionized the cotton industry.

Archimedes took a bath—with business; and discovered the law of hydrostatics.

Newton rested under a tree—with business; and discovered the laws of gravitation.

Galileo went to church—with business; and evolved the pendulum clock.

Goodyear cooked his meals with business and discovered how to vulcanize rubber.

Our best writers go to bed with business and get some of their best ideas on the verge of slumberland.

When you hear people say that so and so was lucky, he came upon this or that by "accident"—don't begin to lose faith and talk about "luck" and such.

Do a little investigating and you will find in almost every case that the "find" was the reward of overtime thinking; that is, playing with business.

YOUNGEST GIRL TO BE ADMITTED TO BAR

Miss Carrick Hume Buck is the youngest woman ever admitted to the bar. At the age of 21 she graduated from the law school of the University of Southern California and recently admitted as a practicing attorney. She is a grand niece of James Monroe, fifth President of the United States.

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WEAK, NERVOUS, ALL RUN-DOWN

Missouri Lady Suffered Until She Tried Cardui.—Says "Result Was Surprising."—Got Along Fine, Became Normal and Healthy.

Springfield Mo.—"My back was so weak I could hardly stand up, and I would have bearing-down pains and was not well at any time," says Mrs. D. V. Williams, wife of a well-known farmer on Route 6, this place. "I kept getting headaches and having to go to bed," continues Mrs. Williams describing the troubles from which she obtained relief through the use of Cardui. "My husband, having heard of Cardui, proposed getting it for me. 'I saw after taking some Cardui ... that I was improving. The result was surprising. I felt like a different person.' 'Later I suffered from weakness and weak back, and felt all run-down. I did not rest well at night, I was so nervous and cross. My husband said he would get me some Cardui, which he did. It strengthened me ... My doctor said I got along fine. I was in good healthy condition. I cannot say too much for it.' Thousands of women have suffered as Mrs. Williams describes, until they found relief from the use of Cardui. Since it has helped so many, you should not hesitate to try Cardui if troubled with womanly ailments. For sale everywhere.

Critical Recognition.

(Medicine Lodge, Kan., Index.) The trap drummer in the jazz orchestra had been hitting the looch. He had set his music stand within reach, but it started to fall. He reached for it and it upser and hit the bass drum. The drum rolled over, dropping the cash cymbal, and upset the xylophone, and the xylophone knocked over the cowbell. In reaching for the xylophone the drummer's feet slipped and he sat down on the baby squawker and the wood block fell with a loud crash on the tympani. "What wonderful music!" gurgled the jazz girl. "This orchestra certainly keeps right up to date in all the new stuff."

Lapland has had a heat wave, says a Spitzbergen dispatch. The thermometer is at 86 degrees at times and the Eskimos have laid away their fur garments and are bathing. Reindeer and gild game are suffering from the excessive heat.

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The Windows to Your Soul

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