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## Small Beginnings.

(CHARLES MACAY)

A traveler on a dusty road strewed

acorns on the sea,

And one took root and sprouted up and

grew into a tree.

Love sought its shade at evening time,

to breathe its early vows;

And age was pleased in heats of noon

to bask beneath its boughs;

The drowsy loved its dangling twigs;

The birds sweet music bore;

It stood a glory in its place, a blessing

evermore.

A little grass had lost its way amid

the spring and fern,

A passing stranger scooped a well where

men might turn;

He waded it in and hung with care a

ladle at the brink;

He thought not of the deed he did, but

judged that toil might drink.

He passed again, and lo! the well, by

Summers never dried.

Had cooled ten thousand parching

tongues, and saved a life beside.

A dreamer dropped a random thought;

'twas old and yet 'twas new,

A simple fancy of the brain, but strong

in being true.

It shone upon a general mind, and lo! its

light became,

A lamp of life, a beacon, ray, a monitory

flame.

The thought was small, its issue great,

a waterfire on the hill;

It sheds its radiance far a-down, and

cheers the valley still!

A names man, amid a crowd that

thronged the daily mart,

Let fall a word of Hope and love, un

stilled, from the heart;

A whisper on the tumult thrown — a

transitory breath —

It raised a brother from the dust.

It saved a soul from death.

O germ! O word of love! O thought at

random cast,

Ye were but little at first, but mighty at

the last.

## Worthless Worry.

(With a Mirror.)

Some people gather all the briars

and thorns and nettles for a hundred

yards on each side of their pathway,

and pile them up in steep and moun

tainous-heaps before their foot

steps, only to make life's journey

more difficult, more toilsome, and

more perplexing. And these same

people will begin to jump and jump

before they get within a hundred

yards of a ditch, and expend and

waste so much needless effort and

worry; and it is frequently the case

after jumping so hard they find that

the ditch is only a shallow ditch, and

the existence of a big, dangerous ditch

was nothing more than a little ravine,

and that a single step would place

them safely on the other side. So,

reader, don't go out of your way

and comfort, don't try to jump over

a difficulty until it is right before

you.

## A Childless Home.

Smith and his wife have every

luxury that can buy, but there is one

thing lacking to their happiness.

Both are fond of children, but no lit

tle voices prattle, no little feet patter

in their beautiful home. "I would

give ten years of my life if I could

have one healthy, living child of my

own," Smith often says to himself.

No woman can be the mother of

healthy offspring unless she is herself

in good health. If she suffers from

female weakness, general debility,

bearings, "own pains," and functional

disorders, her physical condi

tion is such that she cannot hope to

have healthy children. Dr. Pierce's

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ailments. See guarantee printed on

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### WHAT TO DO WITH A GENIUS.

TEACH HIM A COUPLET OF POETRY.

(Waterloo, N. Y., Observer.)

A gentleman living in Ovid writes

to us about his son as follows:

"This boy of mine is very decidedly

a genius and will make a great mark

in the world. The village in which

we live furnishes no proper field for

such a brain as his, and his mother

and I have been thinking of sending

him to Waterloo to study law. What

would you advise?"

Well, good folks, pardon us if,

like a surgeon, we use the knife, cut

ting deep, but cutting with the hope

of cure. Your boy is what, "a gen

ius" is he? Then the Lord have

mercy on you, for a great affliction

has befallen your family. Don't

send him to Waterloo. The supply

in this vicinity very far exceeds the

demand. There are scores of gen

iuses in this village, and without ex

ception their trousers bag at the

knees and terminate in a pathetic

fringe that hangs around their necks.

They are generally characterized by

long hair, soiled linen, intellec

tual dulness and a certain haggard

look as if they hadn't enjoyed a square

meal in three months.

What would we advise? That is

rather a delicate question. If we

had a boy who was so phenomenally

endowed that he is destined to work

for a living, we should try to cure

him by the most heroic treatment.

How would it do to give him a cord

of tough old hickory, a saw horse

and a bran new saw from W. B.

Swarthout's hardware store in Ovid

and nail up the lesson from P. S.

Paradise on the washboard: "He that

will have a cake out of the wheat

must tarry at the grinding," which

being translated means, "No work,

no dinner?" If he is still insistent

on doing nothing, you might resort

to the device of the Mikado, and nail

him in oil.

A genius is almost always an ass

in a lion's skin, or a turkey buzzard

with an eagle's beak—a fellow whose

head is simply an enlargement of

the bump of self-conceit. He starts

out with the determination to live

on his wits, but the capital in trade

is so small that he never becomes ex

cept, except in the sit of starvation.

There isn't very much spare room

in Waterloo for these second hand

"god-like" geniuses, who want to get

a fortune without hustling for it and

acquire fame without deserving it.

There is but one gospel in this world

which has any claim to be regarded

as divine, and that the gospel of

hard work.

The young man who begins life

with the conviction he must roll up

his sh-sh-sh-sh-sh-sh-sh-sh-sh-sh-sh

must draw his belt a little tighter

and strike a stronger gait if he wants

to win the race, is the only one, so

far as our observation goes, who at

fifty, or later