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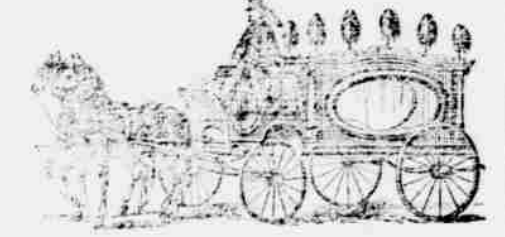
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Economy Against Stinginess.

Everybody ought to be taught the value of a dollar. The bane of the present day is extravagance. People who owe their grocers for the food they have consumed sometimes ride in automobiles. Young men who ought to be placing their surplus earnings in the bank, spend all they make for livery rigs and fancy clothes. A habit of careful economy is one of the best lessons a youth can possibly learn. But while all this is true there is danger in the other extreme. Economy is one thing, stinginess is another and a very different thing. We doubt whether Ben Franklin's philosophy has done the world more good than harm, and we are quite sure Mr. Rockefeller's Sunday-school talks on saving are neither inspiring or very helpful. Nobody ought to hoard his money for the sake of getting rich. If he does, he is sure to develop into a miser. He ought not to spend his money foolishly because it is wrong to do so, and he certainly ought not to create obligations that he cannot meet, for that is downright dishonesty. But we all know how worthless an old skinflint is to the community who has spent his life hoarding his gold merely to gratify the greedy pleasure of having it. We all admire the man who is willing to put his money in public enterprises for the development of his town and section. Nobody has a word of praise for the hard and selfish and saving miser who refuses to invest a dollar that will bring a return to a soul outside himself. We have this class of characters in the church sometimes. The greatest attraction heaven holds out for such men must be that everything is free up there. They allow brethren much less able than themselves to bear the burdens of the church while they enjoy its privileges and think they are getting only their just dues. As between the two the profligate spendthrift is the more admirable. This is a point in the training of a boy that greatly puzzles the average parent. Exactly where to draw the line between economy and stinginess is difficult to decide; but of the two evils to which we are exposed, extravagance or stinginess, the former is the lesser.—Charity and Children.

The Beauty of Old Age.

There is an old age that is not beautiful. It is found in the man or woman who has spent life in no good purpose, and as they reach the sunset there is no halo to envelop it, and no brilliancy to mark its departure. On the contrary, it is penury, broken health, sour disposition, fault finding, and complaint. An old age of this sort is deplorable, yet we find it now and then as we journey to and fro in the world.

But bright, happy and cheerful old age is a blessing to the world. It comes as the result of having spent life to a good purpose; and out of it there is a consciousness of having made the world better as you have passed through it. With it there is no useless murmuring, no repining, no complaints of neglect. Neither does this sort of old age linger amid the scenes of other days merely to recount unpleasant experiences, or to magnify the times of early life as the better times as compared with the present. Happy and pleasing old age still looks to the future, feels a keen interest in what is now transpiring and contributes something to the weal of the passing day. People, young and middle-aged, love to fall into the company of such an aged man or woman, and they are made welcome to all circles of life. Their smiles brighten, and their snatches of conversation enliven the experiences of to-day. To look into their faces, to hear the sound of their voices, and to sit under the spell of their presence is an inspiration. They have grown old gracefully, and as they approach the end there are no clouds in their sky, and no shadows over their pathway, and no mists are hanging round their evening horizon. And old age like this is a benediction to mankind, and it extracts from the vision of three score years and ten the forebodings that otherwise gather around them through decrepitude and infirmity. May heaven's sunlight fall with renewed lustre upon the declining days of the aged!—Selected.

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about the size of your shoes, it's some satisfaction to know that many people can wear shoes a size smaller by sprinkling Allen's Foot-Ease into them. Just the thing for Patent Leather Shoes, and for breaking new shoes. Sold everywhere, 25 cents.

MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

What is Transpiring in North Carolina and Other States.

The Florida House of Representatives has passed a bank guaranty bill very much similar to the Oklahoma bank law.

The Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition is on. President Taft in the White House last week touched the button that put in motion the exposition wheels. The exposition cost \$10,000,000, and was built in two years. It was financed by the Northwest.

It is understood that the town of Littleton is soon to have a system of electric lights. It is also rumored that there will be an ice plant in connection with the lighting apparatus. The Sterling Manufacturing Company, of Littleton will enlarge its present equipment, and furnish all the necessary power.

The agricultural monthly, Modern Farming, a paper that was published in Richmond, has been consolidated with the Progressive Farmer, a weekly paper published in Raleigh, and hereafter in conjunction with the Progressive Farmer will be published weekly. The new paper will be known as the "Progressive Farmer and Modern Farming."

The city of Asheville has planned for a splendid and excellent scheme of municipal advertising. From twenty-five hundred to ten thousand dollars is spent every year in order the natural and other advantages Asheville may be made known, and thus attract people to its borders and cause the city to push rapidly forward.

On the 17th of June the convention of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of the State of North Carolina will be held in Charlotte. Thus far fourteen conventions of various kinds have met in Charlotte since the first of January. On the Fourth of July the annual convention of the Rural Letter Carriers of the State will meet there.

The silver service which the people of the State of Mississippi purchased through popular subscription, has been presented to the battleship Mississippi. The presentation was not made on board the battleship as was intended, but on account of the fast-running seas was made at Pascagoula, Miss. The image of Jefferson Davis was engraved on the service.

Messrs. George W. Norwood, Jr., of Goldsboro, and George Gunter, of Raleigh, constitute a special committee from the board of directors of the State prison to install the electric chair in the prison for the electrocution of all prisoners hereafter sentenced to death in North Carolina under the act passed by the last legislature. In the event of a death sentence being imposed anywhere in the State, Superintendent Laughinghouse says, the committee is in a position to hurry up the installation of the chair.

The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis was appropriately observed last Thursday, June 3rd, throughout the Southern States generally. Jefferson Davis is rapidly coming into his own. Both North and South are coming to know him as he was—honest and good, great and grand and pure, with courage to stand by the right as he saw the right, whatever the costs. He never sacrificed principle for anything; he sacrificed many things for principle. It will not be long before posterity will give him that place in history he so justly deserves.

Governor Kitchin, in response to a request made to him, has furnished his picture to be placed in an excursion steamer that runs out from Chicago, and has sent as a piece of wood to be used in a United States map to be placed on the ship a section of curly poplar. The steamship is the "United States." The pictures of the Governors of all the States will be framed and placed in the cabin. The United States map, made of wood, will also occupy the cabin. Governors of the several States are sending pieces of wood with which their States will be represented on the map. A picture of the map will be sent to the Governor.

In Memoriam.

Young as the youngest who donned the gray, True as the truest that wore it— Brave as the bravest—he marched away, (Hot tears on the cheeks of his mother lay) Triumphant waved our flag one day, He fell in the front before it.

Firm as the firmest where duty led, He hurried without a falter; Bold as the boldest he fought and bled, And the day was won—but the field was red, And the blood of his fresh young heart was shed On his country's hallowed altar.

Where the foremost ranks had wrestled, On his face not a mark of pain— (His mother dreams they will meet again) Like a child asleep—he nestled. In the solemn shades of the wood that swept The field where his comrades found him, They buried him there, and the big tears crept Into strong men's eyes that had seldom wept, (His mother—God pity her—smiled and slept, Dreaming her arms were around him.)

A grave in the woods with the grass o'ergrown, A grave in the heart of his mother— His clay in the one lies lifeless and lone, There is not a name—there is only a stone— And only the voice of the wind maketh moan O'er the grave where never a flower is strewn, But his memory lives in the ether.—Father Ryan.

A Trusted Word.

There were half a dozen drummers on the train, and they were talking about another drummer who traveled in the same territory with themselves.

One of them said: "He is straight. He's a Christian. Whatever he tells you about an article you may know is just so. He can go all over his territory without a single sample, and sell goods to every man he calls on. His word makes samples unnecessary."

All the others said, "That's so," "I know it." And this was said of their successful competitor. They felt no jealousy, they admired him—this Christian salesman, whose words made samples unnecessary.

A man offered to lend another \$500. "What security do you want?" asked the latter.

"I do not want any. Your personal note is enough." The man back of the word, back of the name, stood for honesty and good faith. No additional backing was desired.

A farmer met a man of another neighborhood and said to him: "I have an extra span of mules this season. They are five years old, are gentle, will work in single or double harness, and are without a blemish. I want \$300 for them, and they are well worth it. Come over some day soon and look at them."

"No, I don't care to see them. I have to buy a span and I'll take them. Bring them to town next Monday and I'll give you a check for them. Just consider them sold."

That is an ideal way to do business. And there is a good deal of it in the great business world.

A trusted word is much easier to carry than a sample case. So do business that after awhile you can leave your sample case at home. Aim to become a sampleless salesman.—Exchange.

From the Senate Archives.

While Daniel Webster was once addressing the senate on the subject of internal improvements, and every Senator was listening with close attention, the Senate clock commenced striking, but instead of striking twice at 2 P. M., continued to strike without cessation more than forty times. All eyes were turned to the clock, and Mr. Webster remained silent until the clock struck about twenty, when he thus appealed to the chair: "Mr. President, the clock is out of order! I have the floor!"—Judge.

Soothes itching skin. Heals cuts or burns without a scar. Cures piles, eczema, salt rheum, any itching.—Doan's Ointment. Your druggist sells it.

Confidence and Trust Made Many Great.

The one way in which you may best help a person is to show that you believe in him. The great Edison says, "If it had not been for my mother's absolute, cheerful faith in me at a critical time in my experience, I should very likely never have become an inventor. I was always a careless boy and with a mother of different caliber I should probably have turned out badly. I never was able to get along at school. I don't know now what it was, but I was always at the foot of the class. I used to feel that the teachers never sympathized with me and that my father thought that I was stupid, and at last I almost decided that I was a dunce. One day I overheard the teacher tell the inspector that I was stupid, and it would not be worth while keeping me in school any longer. I was so hurt by this last straw that I burst out crying and went home and told my mother about it. Then I found out what a good mother was. She brought me back to school and angrily told the teacher that he didn't know what he was talking about, that I had more brains than he had and a lot more talk like that. In fact she was the most enthusiastic champion a boy ever had, and I determined then and there that I would be worthy of her and show her that her confidence was not misplaced."

The testimony of great men from Pericles down, seems to be along this same line. "To save thee to me means to save me to my art," wrote the famous author of the Tristan to the lady of his heart, who always believed in him.

Wordsworth's definition of faith as "passionate intuition," well befits, too, the story of the wives and sweethearts who discern the great things their heroes are to do in the world, and by their loving faith hold them to it. "Thou art the only person in the world necessary to me," wrote that reserved and solitary Hawthorne to his wife, the while he declared us all shadows till the heart is touched, and the story of the wife who sent him forth to write the matchless romances that electrified the land when his government position failed, confirms the truth of it.

It is idle to look for special cases in so trite a claim as virtue in woman's faith where man's achievements are concerned, for the story is at every fireside where pure love reigns. The days of old when knights were bold for the fair lady of their allegiance may have passed away; but, to redeem the high faith reposed in him by the woman of his heart is as much a part of the true man's nature now as ever, even though he may not storm castles nor lead crusades in the path of it.

To believe all things and hope all things for that divine spark within the human breast, is a part of both love and religion, however, which more than the home should glorify. To trust the good and appeal to the divine in every man is the law of life and salvation laid down by every great sage or sacred teacher in human history.—Ex.

The President's Cost.

According to figures given out in Washington, the cost of maintaining the President during the fiscal year amounts to \$229,430, including his present salary. The various items included in the budget are as follows: President's salary.....\$ 50,000 Clerk hire..... 69,920 Contingent fund..... 25,000 President's traveling expenses..... 25,000 Maintenance White House, horses, vehicles, etc..... 35,000 White House grounds..... 4,000 Fuel..... 6,000 Care of green-houses..... 9,000 Repair of green-houses..... 3,000 Printing..... 2,000 Lighting the White House grounds..... 510 Total.....\$229,430

The largest item mentioned, \$69,920 for clerk hire, includes not only the salaries of Secretary Loeb and two assistants, but those of about a score of clerks, stenographers, messengers, some of whom are telegraph operators, others of whom attend to telephones connecting the executive offices with the various governmental departments.—Selected.

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Paragraphs of Wisdom. No one ever heard of the time when the best fruit would not sell at a fair price somewhere within a day's drive of the grower. The primary object of cultivating crops is to keep the soil in good condition, but if it were not for the weeds a lot of farmers would neglect this important work. Sometimes our blessings come in disguise. The sunrise farmer will scarcely know hard times if they come, say, ten years hence; but the never-retiring till-afternoon chap will be calamity howling about every day. Keeping a cow because she is pretty may be all right as far as it goes, but is not good business. Farmers are the only producers who allow the buyer to fix the price of their property. But they are rapidly changing this state of affairs by organization. An old mower run up and down the sides of the public road around the farm will get away with the weeds. Not your business? Perhaps not, strictly; but the satisfaction of a clean highway will be yours. A dentist said recently that if teeth were cared for just as they ought to be he and every other dentist would have to go out of business. That is worth thinking about. It tries a man's eyes and his honesty as well to see all the worm holes when packing his own apples. The Farmer and Mechanic. The Ideal Woman. The ideal woman must discard all shoes the size of which makes walking well high impossible. She must not consider her hands when it comes to a question of work. She must take exercise and let paint and powder go if she desires red cheeks. She must not be the servant of the milliner and dress maker. She must not change the styles at the dictation of men in Paris. Her home must be her palace, and she must be industrious, sympathetic, enthusiastic, motherly and a true friend. Woman's idea of modern industry is playing bridge whist morning and night. Her idea of modern life is to be supported by some one else. The ideal woman does not consider work unwomanly. She believes that whatever concerns her husband concerns her. If the ideal woman's family finds fault with her cooking she does not blame the cooking, she blames the food and changes it. Woman was meant to be man's companion, and if the idea were properly carried out there would be no affluities.—Rev. Lyman Abbott, of New York. The Mad Dog Law. "If the owner of any dog shall know, or have good reason to believe, that his dog or any dog, belonging to any person under his control, has been bitten by a mad dog, and shall neglect or refuse immediately to kill the same, he shall forfeit the sum of \$50 to him who will sue therefor; and the offender shall be liable to pay all damages which may be sustained by any one, in his property or person, by the bite of any such dog and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days." Feel languid, weak, run-down? Headache? Stomach "off"? Just a plain case of lazy liver. Burdock Blood Bitters tones liver and stomach, promotes digestion, purifies the blood. Women who are Envid. These attractive women who are lovely in face, form and temper are the envy of many, who might be like them. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable. Constipation or kidney troubles show in pimples, blotches, eruptions and a wretched complexion. For all such, Electric Bitters work wonders. They regulate stomach, liver and kidneys, purify the blood; give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety skin, lovely complexion. Many charming women owe their health and beauty to them. 50c. at E. T. Whitehead Company's.