

GETTING A START

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MY NEIGHBOR'S KEEPER.

LEARN TO DO BY DOING.

Don't presume to judge the world until you are elected. Inside your two home-house and yard you have a good-sized job on your hands.

Don't disinfect your town until you have disinfected your own house.

Don't preach moderation immediately.

Don't attempt to tell the other fellow what to do until you have learned how to do it yourself.

Don't worry about your neighbor's actions until you have harnessed your own and know how to drive them.

Don't chase the racing automobilist at his unswerving speed; meet him head-on and make him stop.

Move your own lawn before you condemn the man next door for letting his grass grow.

Don't find fault with the stockkeeper for underpaying his clerks until you are willing to pay a fair price for what you buy.

Don't kick against the slow trolley and then rush out of your yard after it has passed and make it wait for you.

Don't ask the newspaper to print what you would not publish if you owned it.

Don't expect the minister to be fearless when, if he expresses his thoughts, you would be the first to demand his resignation.

Don't ask your employer to raise your pay unless you would increase his if positions were reversed.

Don't borrow money of the man to whom you would not lend.

Don't kick at your neighbor's dust until you have watered your own.

When it rains, let it rain, until you are elected clerk of the weather.

Don't sit in the sun and growl at the heat.

Don't expect to keep warm by an empty stove, or cool in a kitchen.

Don't leave your raincoat and umbrella at home and find fault with the weather because you get wet.

Don't expect anybody else to attend to your business. He won't.

Don't lunch on a cup of coffee and a piece of mince pie and expect to feel like doing business.

Don't bolt your breakfast, run for the train, and condemn the doctor and his medicine.

Don't blame your neighbor for not doing what you are doing, and don't expect him to help if you won't help yourself.

When you haven't anything to say, don't say it.

When you don't know what you are talking about, shut up.

Don't help the fellow who doesn't need your assistance.

Don't keep away from the primaries, refuse to vote when it rains, and talk against the office holders when it is sun shines.

Put yourself in the other fellow's place before you criticize him.

I stood on a steamboat wharf when the wind was blowing forty miles an hour. A dozen inconsiderate youngsters had moored their cat and "kitten" boats in the channel. A big steamer had to make the dock, and she was hard to handle without strong steering way. The captain was a veteran, but he had to maneuver with the wind and the tide against him. A dozen youngsters were on the dock, and each one of them told the others what the captain ought to do, while some of them called him a fool and said he was not fit to handle a canal boat. The captain was on the wharf, and not one of these amateur navigators could have steered an empty mud scow when the water was as calm as a mud puddle and the wind as blowless as the mild breeze of an electric fan.

Don't be a fool unless you have to be, and perhaps you don't have to be.

French Pensioners.

The Hotel Des Invalides which now has no more than two or three French pensioners will, following this winter, without doubt have a great number.

Before the invalids were founded by Louis XIV, the invalid pensioners were lodged by the king at Bicetre.

These took possession of the Hotel in 1674. The battle of Hochstedt (Rhenish), increased the number by 10,000. The War of the Revolution, and the First Empire increased the number still more; it was 15,000 after Marengo, and 20,000 after Moscow and the campaign of 1812. The 4th of July could not lodge all these pensioners.

There were three branches under Napoleon I, at Versailles, Louvain and Avignon. The cholera in 1832 carried off 20 pensioners, who had passed their sixty years. Among these was one named Prevost, a soldier of Fontenoy, who was said to be aged one hundred and thirteen years.—Le Cri De Paris.

New Use for Cornmeal.

A new use has been found for the humble cornmeal. This time a Kansas farmer is obtaining wonderful results by burying them in the ground under his muskmelon patch. The cornmeal retains moisture for the melons, when everything else is as dry as a bone.

Pile Fabrics for Midwinter Suits



A novel pile fabric, of high luster and great suppleness, appears in the suit pictured here. It has made it possible to vary the expression of the mode in velvet and fur and has therefore merited and received much consideration. The surface is broken by fur stripes or blocks or other forms, made by the direction of the pile and not by color contrasts or by shades of one color. The management of the surface in this way produces very elegant effects, and the material is suited to the handsomeness of gowns and wraps.

In the suit pictured the skirt has a moderate flare with the direction of the stripes cleverly managed to emphasize it. The front and back seams are on a diagonal of the goods, and there is little fullness about the waist line. It is longer than the average suit-skirt, and is finished with a band of fur.

The designer of this model has attended to the management of stripes in the coat with the same care that is evidenced in the skirt. In the body and sleeves the stripes are vertical, but in the flaring portion they run outward from the figure with a slant toward

Contributed to the Christmas Season



Now that Christmas is near, and decisions as to gifts must be made, the consideration of comfort for the holidays. They are all intended to fortify those who receive them against the cold, and they include items of apparel for everyone. Since all the time, otherwise unoccupied, with knitting and crocheting, and all sorts of needlework, the number of comfortable little additions to the wardrobe has been increased by many new things.

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Among them are morning jackets, which are also made of this fabric and lace. These are crocheted of light sepias and adorned with ribbons. There are many knitted vests, shaped like those shown in the picture, which are machine made.

Small Sailor Hats. A rather small sailor hat is prettily trimmed with a band of ribbon around the crown, finished with a simple flat bow, two ends hanging over the brim in the back.

INTERNATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL
LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 5

UZZIAH'S PRIDE AND PUNISHMENT.

LESSON TEXT—II Chron. 26:1-6. 15-21. GOLDEN TEXT—A man's pride shall bring him low, but that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor.—Prov. 29:23. R. V.

Again we consider the southern kingdom. No better character could have been chosen to illustrate the condition of rulers and people in the declining days of Judah's glory. Uzziah ruled for 52 years and his reign was almost midway between the days of Solomon and those of the Babylonian captivity.

I. Priest and Parents, vv. 1-5. The name Uzziah means "God has helped me," and no king ever had better advantages in the way of parents and counselors. To the influence of his parents he yielded in his youth (v. 4), followed the good counsel of Zachariah the prophet of God (v. 5), and as long as he sought the Lord, "God made him prosperous." Ancestry and environment are not, however, a guaranty of any perpetuity in character.

II. Pride, vv. 6-15. Uzziah or Azariah (margin), made a fine start and his reign, considered as a whole, was one of the most brilliant in Judah's history. It bears some striking resemblances to that of Solomon in that the dangerous enemies became subject nations (v. 8). In the conduct of his campaigns Uzziah was "exceedingly strong" (v. 8, R. V.) Uzziah also greatly improved and strengthened Jerusalem and gave much heed to stock raising and forestry (v. 10). The secret of all of this prosperity was that he sought Jehovah. Christendom is not Christianity, yet it is a fact that in those lands where God is most highly exalted and most nearly followed, we witness the greatest prosperity and men living amidst the most comfortable surroundings. Seek Jehovah, know his will as revealed in his word, and do that will when revealed, is the only true basis of real and lasting prosperity. Uzziah also gave an exhibition of worldly wisdom that he strengthened the defenses of the nation (v. 9-10). Confidence in God does not mean that a man should neglect his worldly duties and carelessness (I Chron. 27:25-31). Uzziah brought the army up to a high point of efficiency (v. 12-15), using the weapons known in his day. We, likewise, may be "marvelously helped" from the same source and upon the same conditions; viz., that we seek the Lord (Eph. 6:10; Phil. 4:13).

III. Punishment, vv. 16-21. (1) Pride Uzziah's fall and shame is one of the saddest chapters in history. His strength became his ruin. "When he was strong his heart was lifted up." Poverty, struggle and adversity are not passports to glory though they have strengthened the moral fiber of thousands. The tempting tests of prosperity, gilded, perfumed and attractive are, however, far more hard to withstand. Pride is a deadly sin. Presumption—Centuries before God had warned men that prosperity would lead to ruin (Deut. 8:11-17; 32:13-15) and Solomon also gave warning (Prov. 16:18). The snail's pace of pride is the gradual way by which we come to look upon our prosperity as the work of our own hands, thereby forgetting the source of our power and becoming filled with a feeling of our own self-sufficiency. The next step was that Uzziah assumed to himself those duties (v. 16) which rightfully and exclusively belonged to the priesthood (see Num. 16:40; 18:7; 1 Kings 12:33; 12:14; Heb. 5:4). (3) Protesting—We now behold the strange spectacle of the king protesting for the wrong and the faithful priest protesting for the right. A sad spectacle indeed when the head of a nation openly avows the wrong and persists in it in spite of the protests of the servants of God. The last part of verse 15 indicated the extent and perversity of Uzziah's pride. Admonition only aroused the anger of the all-conquering monarch. No honor ever comes from disobeying God (I Sam. 15:20; Dan. 5:37). Uzziah apparently (v. 19) was about to use the censor in his hand as a weapon in execution of his wrath, but God interfered (I Peter 5:6-7). Uzziah becomes a leper.

We must not press the teaching that all sickness is the result of sin (read Job). Uzziah was forever separated (v. 21) and was in his death "unclean" because "his heart was lifted to his destruction." There are four suggestions in closing: (1) Uzziah's pride had gone too far; secretly and perhaps unconsciously it had slowly, but surely permeated his life. (2) Leprosy was a fitting punishment for it was an emblem of the foulness of his sin. (3) His leprosy condition was in marked contrast with what he had formerly enjoyed. (4) His punishment shut him out effectually from the work of his kingdom—ability, strength, experience and ambition fall before the blighting blast of sin.

Julius Bottomley

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"Blankity-blank!" they replied at considerable length.

"All right," yawned the native. "Any way to give satisfaction, I'm a notary public. Drag you in for the price I named or swear you in for a dollar apiece."

FOR PLEURISY, BRONCHITIS
AND SORE THROAT

Readers are advised not to dose the stomach. The best way to quickly overcome soreness in the throat or chest is to rub on true Mustarine, which all druggists keep in the original yellow box for about 25 cents.

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A Precaution.

"What was your object in asking 'Grimes for that ten he owes you?' Don't you know he'll never pay it?"

"Oh, yes, I know that, but I thought he looked as if he was getting ready to touch me again."

Hard Work. "Pa, what is meant by 'literary endeavor'?"

"Trying to sell the stuff, son."

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