

GETTING A START

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MY NEIGHBOR'S KEEPER.

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

Don't distract your town until you have distract 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 chuse a racing automobile at his unlawful speed; meet him head on.

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

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

Don't kick against the slow trots 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 expressed 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 be too sure 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 groan 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 everybody else to attend to your business. He won't.

Don't dash up on a cap 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 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 the sun shines.

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

I stood on a steamboat deck when the wind was blowing forty miles an hour. A dozen amateur yachts and yachtsmen 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 yachtsmen were on the dock, and each one of them told the other what the captain ought to do. 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 1've hecked an empty mud scow when the water was as calm as a mud puddle and the wind as blowless as the tigid breezes 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 dozen pensioners will, following this war, without doubt have a great number.

Before the Invalides was 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 (Hochsheim), increased the number to 10,000. The War of the Revolution, and the French Empire increased the number still more; it was 15,000 after Marengo, and 26,000 after Moscow, and the campaign of 1813. The hotel could not lodge all these pensioners.

There were three branches under Napoleon I, at Versailles, Louvain and Aix-en-Provence. The cholera in 1832 carried off 20 pensioners, who had passed ninety years. And then there was one named Prevost, a soldier of Fontenoy, who was said to be aged one hundred and sixteen years—Le Cri De Paris.

New Use for Corks.

A new use has been found for the humble cork. This time a Kansas Farmer is obtaining wonderful results by burying them in the ground beside his muskmelon patch. The corks retain moisture for the melons when everything else is as dry as a bone.

LEARN TO DO BY DOING.

Theory and book learning are not of secondary importance. They occupy major positions in every form of education. Without them experience would not be well founded.

Thinking and planning begin in theory, but are valuable only if they go beyond theory and enter practice.

The dreamer, even though he may possess marvelous talents, remains a theorist, and little that he does accomplishes anything. He begins and ends in himself.

The best way to learn to do a thing is to do it, or to try to do it, even though the first result may be unfinished and near 'worthless.'

The pencil draft, born in the mind, needs "inking in," so to speak, at those finishing touches which enable one to build something from it. Exact though it may be, it does not prove its worth until that which it represents is actually done.

Many a young man equipped with a technical education enters the world of business feeling that his diploma entitles him to immediate recognition and to a high position. This knowledge which the school has given him, is the best foundation he can have, for, if he has been a student, he is equipped for accomplishment.

He, however, he expects this theoretical knowledge to be partially practical training to obtain for him a commanding position at the start, he is sure to be disappointed. He has done well.

He began right. He has in him a knowledge which may be of untold benefit to him, yet this school or book education, valuable as it is, needs to be put into use in the shop of trade or working out in the shop of trade or the office of business, where he will learn to do.

He is liberal the school may be, it is only the beginning of his education. It simply equips him to handle himself to better advantage. He then goes out into the practical world, and with this more or less theoretical knowledge, attempts to do things. When he has done these, he is then equipped with a knowledge which has added to his academic knowledge, that experience which combined with what goes before it, makes him more proficient than he would have been if he had enjoyed either one without the other.

Finally, I say to you, young man, get all the school education that you can use to advantage. Realize the value of a technical training, whether it is a mechanic or not.

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There is no place in this world for the fellow who will not learn, or who thinks that he has finished his education.

Business never graduates its pupils. They are in school forever.

GOES BACK TO ARISTOPHANES

Punctuation System Said to Have First Employed by Famous Greek Philosopher.

The punctuation marks which separate and conclude sentences and thereby simplify the perusal of what is written are said to have been first employed by Aristophanes. The system devised by him was not, however, generally known, and soon fell again into complete oblivion. It was only a thousand years before another attempt was again made. It was in the time of the Great that punctuation marks were again introduced into writing at the instigation of the distinguished linguist Warnefried and Alcibiades. These signs also, however, fell into disuse. The present system of punctuation, now used in all modern languages but with insignificant variations, was introduced by the end of the fifteenth century by a Venetian printer named Aldus Manutius. He is the real father of our punctuation. The full stop, comma, question and exclamation marks, apostrophe and inverted commas, Manutius' system was adopted later by all printers until it finally established itself throughout Europe.

Fortunate.

"Did you enjoy your 1,000-mile motor boat trip?"

"Yes. We had a fine time."

"You must have been lucky."

"So we were. We traveled all but 200 miles of the distance in a Pullman."

Likely to Get Out.

Strut. Why do you think you will have any trouble in keeping the engagement secret?

Sincerely—I had to tell the girl I didn't it!—Puck.

PILE FABRICS FOR MIDWINTER SUITS

INTERNATIONAL
SUNDAY SCHOOL
LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 5

UZZIAH'S PRIDE AND PUNISHMENT.

LESSON TEXT—II Chron. 26:10-16. "GOLDEN TEXT"—A man's pride shall bring him low, but he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor.—Prov. 22:4.

LESSON—Uzziah, King of Judah, 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 prosper."

Ancestry and environment are not, however, a guarantee of any perpetuity in character.

II. Pride, vv. 6-15. Uzziah and Azariah (Azarias) were brothers. Uzziah, 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 campaign Uzziah "waxed exceeding strong" (v. 8 & R. V.). Uzziah also greatly improved and strengthened Jerusalem and gave much heed to statecraft and to the welfare of his people.

He was a man of God (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 the most living amidst the most comfortable surroundings. Seek Jehovah, and you will be as revealed in his word, and do that will in itself lead to a life of contentment and of real lasting prosperity.

Uzziah also had a sense of God's strength and of the need of God's protection.

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