The Fable of the Throw-Back

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IT HAPPENS that in every Community small enough to permit all the Neighbors to keep a close tab on Family Skeletons and the most intimate Affairs of all who are locally Important, there is a common Belief that whenever some shrewd and industrious Giant of Trade amasses a large, globular Hunk of Currency, his no-good Heirs immediately proceed to melt it down and get rid of it.

This Tradition in regard to the Spendthrift Inclinations of those who come into Easy Money has given rise to a Saying that in any Prominent Family there are only two Generations between Shirt Sleeves and Shirt Sleeves. The large Idea being that Grandpa rakes it in and piles it up and then Son starts in to celebrate with it, after which Grandson completes the Job of Distribution in a neat and workmanlike manner and finds himself sitting on the Curb without one Iron Man to rub against another, thereby completing the Cycle and setting himself back to the Zero Station from which his respected Grandparent started some 75 years earlier in the Game.

Listen to the Story of the Hoppers and you will learn how Elias toiled in his Shirt Sleeves away back yonder in 1855 and put in the Foundations of a tidy Fortune and now, in 1932, his only Grandchild, Cyril Hopper, is out in the Open every day, stripped down to his Shirt Sleeves, working eight times as hard as old Elias ever worked back yonder in the prehistoric Days of Beaver Hats, Top Boots, Tallow Candles and Fundamentalism.

He Was Good to His Dollars.

Elias descended upon the Middle West in a Prairie Schooner with a Small Assortment of Household Goods, the Trading Instincts of a Vermonter and a firm Belief that the worst Crime in the Category was to spend a Copper Coin which might be deposited in the Sock. He opened a Store and invited the Patronage of those who could pay. He collected Bad Accounts with the aid of a Musket.

The Employees at his Sawmill were paid $1 a day, and those who hauled Grain to his Grist Mill and traded for Flour and Meal could always drive back Home knowing that they had not taken any Mean Advantage of Elias.

While most of the other Residents were hunting and fishing or trying to solve the Slavery Question by Vocal Exertions, he was peering into the Future, visualizing the eventful Importance of Hoppersville and copping all of the good Corners on Main Street and most of the Frontage between. History tells us that the Lads who came from the Granite Hills out to the land of fruitful Plenty and wide-open Opportunity certainly made the other Pioneers look like timid Pikers.

Elias was in on every paying Proposition in the whole County, one of his best Stunts being to organize a Bank and corral all of the loose Capital of the Region and then loan it back to the Enterprises with which he was hooked up, at the same time carrying the Suckers along at Two Per Cent a Month, with all of their Vital Organs put up at Security.

He was more than a Captain of Industry. He was Commander-in-Chief of every known Form of legalized Graft. Every time a Dollar came to visit him at found a permanent Home.

A One-Word Vocabulary.

In due time the Go-Getter found himself worrying over a Son who had been Christened Alexander and who was being groomed to carry on the Noble Campaign of annexing as much as possible of the Western Hemisphere. He was sent to a first-class College and came back with a full Set of dark Side Whiskers and a Guitar. The sordid Details connected with the Store, the Bunk, the Sawmill, the Grain Elevator, the Farms, the Brick-Yard, etc., etc., did not appeal to him but he could Polka and Schottische until as late as 11 p. m., and often did so.

Elias died at a ripe Old Age and Alec came into Everything and immediately began to manage the complicated Estate with all of the Sagacity of a fresh-water Pickerel. He was what is known as a Good Fellow. That is, he would buy Anything that was for Sale, listen to any Bird who had a Song to sing, and fall for any Proposition outlined on beautiful Stationery. If Elias turned over in his Grave every time that Alexander got hooked and was spread from a Portion of the Legacy, then the old Gentlemen must have taken a lot of Exercise.

The Successor to the Throne invented new and spectacular Ways in which to be a Boob. He built a House which looked like a Resort Hotel and the Interior Decorators said he was a Lovely Man to work for because he had only one Word in his Vocabulary and that was "Yes."

He tried to ham-string the Board of Trade, taking his Tips from a Down-and-Outer who had been licked by the Market all his Life and whose Percentage as a Guesser was .000.

He went to Galleries in Europe and New York and bought Paintings which the Come-On-Lads told him were by Celebrated Artists, than which there can be no more speedy Method of saying Good-Bye to the Bank Account.

He was Pie for Promoters who were letting a few Prominent Men of the Right Sort in on the Ground Floor.

He needed two large Boxes at the Safety Deposit in which to store his Ducks and Drakes, Brick-Bats, Rags and Iron.

He entrusted all of his Business Affairs to those who complimented his Singing, and in all of his perfumed Career he never could find out how the Book-Keepers were keeping their Books. All he knew was that they were using the Red Ink and talking about Profit and Loss.

Alexander did all he could to ruin the Offspring. First he hung the Monicker of Cyril on to the defenseless Infant, then he hired an imported Governess to make the Child as European as possible, then he had the poor Kid take Violin Lessons, and finally he turned him over to a Tutor who had such a Brilliant Mind that he could not secure ordinary Employment.

Cyril was told every 20 Minutes that he must grow up to be an Aesthete and an Aristocrat—a Fleur de Lis blooming in the Corn Belt.

Gets Back to Nature.

They must have overdosed him. When Alexander went skyward a few years ago to contribute his throaty Tenor to the Heavenly Choir, young Cyril took a swift survey of the Situation and arrived at certain definite Conclusions.

According to all Rules and Precedents he should have taken what was left to the Estate and started another Jubilee. He had every Excuse for being a Spender, but after he looked over the alleged Securities in the Vault, he made a solemn inward Vow that, for all Time, he would play nothing but Cinches, Keep his Fingers crossed and never take his foot off of Second Base.

His demented Dad had not wasted all of the Corner Lots. The New England Ancestry asserted itself. Cyril said that the Unearned Increment, with a safe Trust Company as Manager, was good enough for him. He took a Lead Pencil and figured that all he needed was a few 99-Year Leases and several Bales of tax-exempt Bonds and complete Paralysis of the Helping Hand, and he would be fixed with an Income which would stand up, no matter what the Head Waiters did to him.

Any one who says that All of the Progeny of the Prosperous are wild Wastrels simply ignores the plain Evidence. Cyril has joined the Colony of those who say "Nothing is too good for Us but we have practically no Acquaintances."

The Boy and his Bride are now in Florida and he is back to Shirt Sleeves, the same as his rugged Grandpa.

One Day he will be in his Shirt Sleeves out in the Gulf Stream, in his $16,000 Power Skiff, trying to land a Sail Fish.

Next Day he will be in his Shirt Sleeves out on the Polo Field, accompanied by 16 Pintos and 8 English Grooms, chukkering all over the Place and risking his Life to win the applause of other Incomes in radiant Apparel.

On the Third Day he will be in his Shirt Sleeves playing the Boca Gazabo Course for Ten a Hole with three jolly Companions whose Forebears likewise had the Sense to pick out some juicy Real Estate.

Take it Week in and Week out, no one works any harder than Cyril. Old Elias, as he looks down, or up at him, must be proud.

MORAL: If you think the First Families Are Foolish, try Borrowing.

MILLINGTON

Miss Gladys Stearns, of the Homeopathic Hospital, Wilmington, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. James Conner.

Mrs. Harry Higman was the guest last week of relatives at Chester, Pa., and was accompanied home by her little niece, Jean Thompson.

The Auxiliary Guild, of the North Kent Parish, held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. E. T. Massey, of Massey, on Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lyons, of Wilmington, visited her mother, Mrs. Annie Poore this week.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Asbury M. E. Church, met at the home of Mrs. Harry Higman last Tuesday evening with Mrs. R. J. Taylor, presiding, Mrs. Walter Myers was in charge of devotions. Presentation of Stewardship was given by Mrs. C. S. Church. Gold and Silver Stars were placed in the sky on our chart over "The Well of Salvation" by the Extension Secretary, Mrs. Ham Neal. One of the interesting features of the evening was a Chinese Play, entitled, "The Straw Baby" given by members of the King's Herald Band. After announcing the sum realized from Mite Boxes, by Miss Helen V. Numbers, Mite Box Secretary. "He That Keepeth Thee," a Mite Box Story was read by Miss Elizabeth Bottomley followed by singing, "We Give Thee But Thine Own." The meeting was closed with Our Convenant given in union. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and a nice social time enjoyed by all.

Mr. Victor Stevens, of Baltimore, spent the past week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stevens, near town.

Mrs. Thomas Phillips, of Greenwich Gardens, Conn., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ruth Bowman.

The Community Fire Company was called to Crumpton last Wednesday at 3.30 a. m. where a fire destroyed a shed in the rear of Mr. Perry Lynch's Hotel property. It also destroyed an automobile and the carpenter tools of Mr. Coleman.

A Chicken and Waffle Supper was served in the Community Hall last Tuesday evening by the Ladies Aid of Trinity M. E. Church, South, for 25 cents per person served. Quite a large number was present to partake of the supper.

Miss Leona Phillips, of the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips last Sunday.

Mr. E. T. Stevens attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. W. B. Sparks, of Hillsboro, Md., who died last Sunday afternoon at her home in Hillsboro after an illness of two years. Her remains were interred in Sudlersville cemetery on Wednesday at 2 p. m.

Mrs. William Voshell was given quite a shower by her many friends last Friday evening at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Voshell, near town.

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SCHOOL DAYS — By DWIG



SCHOOL NOTES

CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
Janet MacVean

The new piano cover has arrived!!! (Note the exclamation points). To prepare the piano for its new glory has been a most exacting task. First it was given an Ivory Soap bath. Then it was shellacked and varnished. Last, but not least, it was and is to be oiled and rubbed all over fourteen times. The elbow grease was supplied by Mrs. Greene, Lusby Elliott, and Norton Bonnett, who volunteered. Already the piano looks like new; consider how it will shine when the fourteenth polish is given it.

During the High School Teacher's meeting at C. H. S. Saturday committees were appointed for course of study making for each subject.

III-Year English — Estelle B. Strang, Hermione Riches, Marie D. Bryan.

1-Year Social Studies—Owen C. Blades, Lottie P. Peacock, Helen L. Ashley, Elizabeth Leary, Harry R. Rasin, Katherine Gessford, Lilly O. Ferguson.

I-Year Mathematics—Mary W. Carroll, Charlotte C. Holloway, W. Skirven Startt, Harry R. Poole.

Music—Cora McWhorter Green.

II-Year Latin—Lelia N. Ware, Anna Smythe Brice.

I-Chemistry—W. A. P. Strang, Hennrietta Newnam, W. J. Stenger, William T. Willis, Jr.

I-Year Industrial Arts for Girls—S. Estelle Kersey, Ella J. Hadaway.

Commercial Book-keeping—Geraldine M. Fitez.

I-Year Industrial Arts for Boys—A. L. Greenwood, Warren Gillespie.

The Honor Roll will appear next week.

The ping-pong singles championship matches were played off Tuesday. John Truslow won 6-1, 0-6, 6-3, over Harry Coleman. Marion Reinhart defeated Pauline Crew for the girls' singles championship. The Freshman champion was John Benjamin; the Sophomore, John Truslow, the Junior, Charles Wheatley; the Senior, Harry Coleman.

More shelves have been enclosed in C. H. S. This time the improved eyesore is located in that part of the assembly hall which is used as a home-room. Neat doors, instead of shelves cluttered with books, notebooks, and lunches, now face the students.

The "Dragon" now needs $234.10. Unless the Seniors come to the aid of the treasury there will be no dragon, however.

The History Clubs have added two new books to the reference library in Miss Peacock's room. They are written by Gittean and are considered among the best in the library.

From Washington College has trickled the news that graduates of C. H. S. did very well in their semester exams.

John Whiting is preparing to mount a rabbit for the school collection. Also, several new preserved specimens have been added to this array. A mouse, a sea-horse, and a sand dollar attract questions. A silver-tree which is made of a zinc plate covered with a silver compound, now stands in a jar above the chemical garden.

The Science Club met Wednesday at one o'clock. After the reading of the minutes and the collection of dues, Robert Hoopes took charge of the program. Carrie Schreiber spoke about subjects which have been discussed in the science classes for the past fortnight. Halogens and sulphur were discussed by Pauline Crew. Robert Hoopes "elucidated" the chemical garden. Mr. Stenger explained crystals, suggestions were then given by club members concerning improvements in the program. Among those made for activities were tree, seed, and animal studies. A collection of stuffed animals, an aquarium, a display of glassware, and a poster on clothing were proposed. Mr. Poole gave a very interesting and curious talk on psychology.

The Home Economics club has been organized. The officers are: Senior President, Emily Sutton; Senior Secretary, Nancy Hepbron; Senior Treasurer, Mary Virginia Brown; 9A Vice President, Elizabeth Baldwin; 9A Secretary, Sarah Dodd; 9A Treasurer, Marian Aldrich; 9B Vice-President, Opal Perry; 9C Vice-President, Mary Moffett; 9C Secretary, Phyliss Greenwood; 9C Treasurer, Annabelle Groves.

The Sophomores have finished or are going to finish their cooking lessons with a party. That of the 9A was quite a success. Eight students who had study periods during their party, were invited to attend. Those who had classes that period were quite provoked because they missed a chance to be invited. Of course, the Freshmen are thrilled at making cooked cereals next week. The 10th grade enjoyed a demonstration "Style in Line and Color" by Laura Jane Magee. This concluded the unit on historic costume. They will now take up the subject of expense and income.

The Industrial Arts department is turning out some fine work. Albert Pauley, Norman Greib, and Paul Poetzsch are Freshmen who are showing marked ability in mechanical drawing. John Bibb and Eddie Fellows, Sophs, are also doing well in this line. Last year a certain Freshman stayed at home every day he was supposed to have mechanical drawing. This year he has completed all his back work and considers mechanical drawing one of the best parts of Industrial Arts. A very pretty wrought-iron door-knocker was made by Ed Keyser, and a pair of attractive bookends were made by James Hatcherson. These boys have done these things in one period a week. Francis Baker has produced an electric table lamp. The Freshmen have completed and are exhibiting wall-pockets and are now interested in making game-boards. Those Sophomores who are taking electrical engineering are having sport testing their electric motors. Leon Hand is proudly exhibiting a nearly-completed metal waste basket.

Don't forget the "Reflector" card party Saturday at 126 N. Queen St.

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