TAKE IT FROM DAD

By Frank H. Cheley

The Boys of Today and of Yesterday.

Dad Smithhough laid down his evening paper and turned rather sharply to Bob who was busy with his lessons in his accustomed corner.



"Bob, what ails you boys at school? Seems to me the papers are just full of one fool escapade after another. Here the council is advocating more policemen and a nine o'clock curfew to keep you young rowdies going straight. A half dozen expelled last week; three stolen autos the night of the concert and now two more of you have "tired of the restraints of home" and have started to see the world on five dollars apiece."

Bob looked sheepish in spite of himself. The principal had had several recent special assemblies. The chief of police had talked to the student body and things were badly upset.

"Dad, it's not so good I know. Seems to come in streaks like dog days. Those kids aren't bad. They just get crazy. Thank goodness I missed it all this time but don't know how it happened. Dad, are modern kids worse than old-fashioned kids? I've been wondering. I know from what Mother's told me and Uncle Ed that you were no saint yourself, but things do sort of seem to get a bit raw at times."

Dad Smithhough considered while he pursed his lips a bit. "It's just a bit complicated and hard to understand, Bob, just what has happened. Things are different, no doubt about it, and whether for better or worse seems quite debatable. You know mighty well I'm not one of these old fogies always sighing for the 'good old days.' The old days that we hear so much about, good or bad, are gone never to come again because we live in a totally different world. All down the line there has been a sort of stripping off of the superfluities; a return to the almost primitive in every realm. People, even you boys, have been doing a lot of thinking and you seem to be challenging a good many old ideas, customs, conventions and prejudices. Certain it is, too, there is a new freedom, less convention, less prescribed ways, less respect for super-imposed authority and so it isn't strange that youth which for thousands of years was to be seen and not heard has suddenly emerged to be both seen and heard, much to the discomfort and concern of your elders—experimenting with conduct much as you do with chemicals in your chemistry to see just what will happen when this is mixed with that.

"Parents and society, Bob, first startled, dismayed, concerned, are now looking on with not a little fear in their hearts at the outcome but helpless to stay the new day. The newspaper with its never-ending array of out-of-the-ordinary crime and immorality, the stage, the modern magazine the movie, fashion, have all made utter frankness their program. Boys are being forced to see and hear a lot that was forbidden before and then there is the automobile. Reserve has been cast to the four winds and we modern parents are a good deal like the hen who, when she saw her adopted family of ducks sailing serenely away on the water, screamed and cackled and scolded for them to come back, but they would not for they were certain they could both swim and fly and that by themselves.

"Bob, your Mother and I know full well that you and all like you have escaped permanently from the artificial, superficial props and barriers of 'yesterday.' You are on your own as we never were. The question is: Will you be able to stand your freedom and liberty? Will you, with such help and encouragement as we will be able to give you from the 'shore,' be able to develop new resources of reliance and integrity which will stabilize your characters.

"Youth today and youth of yesterday are fundamentally the same, no better, no worse. It is the TIMES which have changed. Essentially all boys are inherently good, healthy, vigorous, active.

"Avoid being cheap; keep yourself hard with vigorous activity and determine to accomplish the impossible in every realm!

"The youngsters of yesterday did not dare to even think the things that are your common thought because of fear. To have acted as many of you now act would have been a family disgrace and could not be tolerated. The boy of only two generations ago was personal property belonging body and soul to his father whose one object in life was to conform his son to social custom and standard. Today you are a free individuality, a great privilege and a great responsibility! The future will hold you responsible for your heritage. You live in a new and daring and terrible but epic age. Your world is a neighborhood. In many many ways you are wonderful. We believe in you. We expect great things from you. You have the raw material. Do not disappoint us."

"Why Dad, then you think we aren't such a bad lot after all. Why the chief of police said—"

"Bob, be true to the best that is in you and you'll make us older men seem like a lot of pikers. I'm for you boy, and you know it!"

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Sacred Chinese Temple Taken Over by Bandits

Mount Lushan, one of the twelve sacred mountains of China, famed alike for the piety of its monks and for the beauty of its scenery, has been entirely pre-empted by bandits. The once sacred grottos, formerly given over to the contemplation of immense carved images of Buddha, or to the rites of Taoist priests, are now used as prisons. Ancient Chinese writings declare that Mount Dushan was "10 miles high and 240 miles in circumference." Today Lushan rises only a little more than 4,000 feet, but it affords an unsurpased view southward over the gulf of Pechili and eastward toward the Liaotung peninsula, on which the Russians built Port Arthur and on which the Japanese now occupy Dairen. Lushan is very rugged, and in olden times every cliff was ornamented with a temple. Yehlituyu, the famous Chitan who rose to power under Genghis Khan, was an especial devotee of Luskan and legends have it that he selected this mountain to be "the eternal trustee of wisdom." Accordingly he is supposed to have buried 10,000 sacred books in a cavern under the peak of the mountain, and then to have erected over his repository the temple which today is a bleak ruin.

Old English Custom of Wassailing' Apple Trees

During the month of January, Somerset (England) farmers participate in the time-honored custom of "wassailing" the apple trees so as to insure a bumper apple crop. The ceremony takes place at night by the flickering and uncertain light of a lantern. The villagers gather in each orchard in turn, round the largest apple trees they can find. A bucket of cider accompanies them, in which a small piece of toast is dipped and placed in the branches. Then an old chant is sung, starting: "Old apple-tree, old apple-tree, we've come to wassail thee." This song concludes with an exhortation to the tree to:

grow apples enow;
Hats full, caps full, three bushel bags full,
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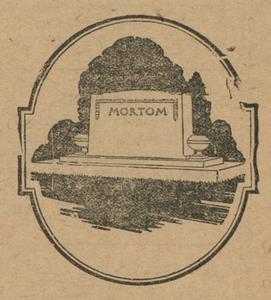
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