Avoid Evil Association

Banquets of the unlearned and of them that are without, avoid. But if you have occasion to take part in them, let not your attention be relaxed for a moment, lest you slip after all into evil ways. For you may rest assured that be a man ever so pure himself, he cannot escape defilement if his associates are impure.—Epictetus

Slaying Seconds

Any sincere idler will tell you that the pleasantest form of murder is killing time.—Farm and Fireside.

Children's Hymn Writer

Isaac Watts is said to have been the first writer of hymns especially for children.

Worth Their Cost

Tradition is not a bad thing. Woe to the activity in which tradition is not the subject of an everlasting and violent scrap. And dignity, purity and wholesomeness are not bad things either. All four are worth fighting for and fighting against.—Arnold Bennett.

Named for Location

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Backward, Turn backward-

Items of Man's Progress Through the Years of Our Yesterdays.

Fifty Years Ago—As the result of Thomas A. Edison's successful competition of the electric light, a new frenzy has come over the gas company stock trading in the United States and Europe. Mr. Edison's light burned for over six days at Manlo Park. It is being heralded as the world's greatest New York gift.

Forty Years Ago—The Czar of Russia is seriously ill of influenza, an epidemic that is sweeping all over Russia and Europe. . . . A bold attempt to assassinate Bob Ford, known as Jesse James' slayer, was made in a gambling house in Kansas City, Mo. . . . . The Great Lakes are entirely free from ice in the mildest weather ever experienced in this country. Dandelions are blooming and trees are budding. . . . New York State has tested electrical execution machines with much success. Prison officials are pleased with the deadly effects of electric current.

Thirty Years Ago—England, engaged in the Crimean War, celebrated Christmas in deep gloom, as defeat after defeat came to its ranks. . . . . The bodies of 155 victims of the battleship Maine disaster arrived at Washington yesterday, and will be interred in Arlington Cemetery.

Twenty Years Ago—Dr. Frederick A. Cook has been expelled from the Explorer's Club because his claim to have discovered the North Pole has been proved a fraud. He also fraudently claimed to have ascented Mt. McKinley. . . . Bob Fitzsimmons veteran heavyweight pugilist, will meet Bill Lang, Australia champion, to see who becomes champion of the Antipodes. . . . Men willing to work for $1.75 per day are getting scarce.

Ten Years Ago—John D. Rockefeller gave $100,000,000 to establish a fund to aid in raising the salaries of college professors, and also to assist medical men to combat disease. . . . President Wilson announced that he will return the management of railroads and express companies to private management Mar.1.

In Utopia all the manhole covers fit perfectly and never give off a clanking sound, as of a battleship being taken apart, when a car passes over them.

DENIES POSING AS WIDOW

The curtain has risen on act five of the domestic drama starring a 78-year-old widower and a winsome 21-year-old girl married in Chestertown.

The principal characters are William F. Leonard, the widower and Jean Francis Schillings, the winsome girl. Other members of the cast are attorneys, court clerks and judges.

A brief synopsis of the preceding four acts might be well. Leonard and the girl met one day last month after some correspondence. He wanted a wife. She wanted a husband.

They were married after a two-day courtship. Two days later they were separated. A week after, Leonard filed a suit for a divorce. The girl countered with an alimony suit.

And now before the curtain comes the girl again with an answer to Leonard's divorce petition. Saturday afternoon she appeared through counsel in the office of the clerk of of the Circuit Court for Talbot County and filed her answer.

In the first scene of the Act Five, the girl admits she lived with her aged husband for only two days. She denies Leonard's allegations that she smoked, drank and swore.

She emphatically denies Leonard's charge that she ever posed to him as a 25-year-old widow.

Leonard complained in Act Four that his young wife contracted the marriage through fraud and in the desire to mulct him of money.

"I didn't." replies the girl.

Now for the finale of the latest act.

The girl makes various charges against her aged spouse. The words of her answer stripped of their tiresome legal verbage follow:

"I met and discussed marriage with Leonard only upon marked and insistent demands by him and after extensive correspondence done in his behalf by a friend, Lacy Butler, of Caroline County.

"I expressed myself as disinclined to accept the profferred marriage on view of Leonard's age and the lack of even necessary appointments in the home that are conducive to health if not comfort.

"After some hours passed by Leonard in outlining to me an elaborate amelioration of both the aforementioned aspects, I was persuaded to accept the marriage proposal and to marry the complainant on Tuesday January 7.

"In respect of the ameliorative promises, I found the home in the same condition as when I first was in it. The house was even deprived of heat and hot water. Leonard refused to improve these conditions during my stay and his conduct towards me was far from that which he alleges—'kind, affectionate and above reproach'—in that on the night of the date of the wedding he subjected me to great cruelties and the following day I spent in trying to create in his mind a more wholesome mental and physical attitude.

"These negative attitudes on the part of the complaint were continued in so marked a degree that I was obliged to inform him that he would have to improve the aforementioned aspects or I would be forced to return to my home in Baltimore. With possible improvement in mind, I agreed to remain with him. Instead of improving, his conduct became intolerable to such an extent that I left his home on Thursday of the same week."

The finale closes with a plea on the part of the girl that the divorce suit be dismissed and that Leonard be made foot the bill.

MISTAKES IN LIFE

Some men make mistakes, deplore them, and keep right on making more. Others blame some one else for their blunders. Many excuse themselves on the ground that others make mistakes, too. But the big men are those who make mistakes, admit them, and out of them build stepping stones to success, to permanent prosperity. Permanent success is built out of lessons learned from mistakes. Your most important characteristic is your mental attitude after making a mistake. The most valuable knowledge you possess is that which comes through making a mistake—through experience. An oyster never makes a mistake. It has no intellect just blindly follows instinct. It is a pawn in the game of life.

When a man says he never makes a mistake, he is probably telling the truth. He and the oyster are in the same class, as far as intellect is concerned.

A man who makes a mistake does not ruin, or even impair, his future. But the man who makes the same mistake twice is either indifferent or stupid. To realize that you have made a mistake is evidence of thought, of purpose, and should be insurance against repeating it.

Not Always Fatal

According to hospital records of the World war, there are some interesting cases in which soldiers lived with bullets in their hearts. One soldier lived two months with a bullet in the interior of his heart.

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