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A man is not better than his conversation.

Let us rejoice first, to attain the grace of silence; second, to deem all faultfinding that does no good, a sin...; third, to practise the grace and virtue of praise. — Harriett Beecher Stowe.

In taking revenge a man is but even with his enemy, but in passing it over he is superior.—Bacon.

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TURNED LOOSE ON MAIN STREET

By HENRY LOUIS SMITH

A Dangerous Gift

During my boyhood I once saw a safe dependable family horse left alone on Main Street with no hand on the reins. He first began to walk, then to run, and a few minutes had endangered many lives, torn the carriage to pieces, and so injured himself that he had to be shot. Liberty is like fire; under wise control an incalculable blessing, uncontrolled, an appalling agent of destruction. In this case sudden freedom from accustomed control, with no preparation for its proper use, brought a useful career to a speedy and disastrous close. Liberty to the unprepared is always intoxicating, often fatal.

Our Suicidal Folly

Every year a hundred thousand boys are suddenly "turned loose" on the swarming Main Street of American college life. Most of them have never taken a step without feeling the pressure of the reins. In the "well-managed" home the careful parents get the boy out of bed, see that he is properly dressed, send him to school on time, control his visits downtown or to the picture-show, make him study every night, and see to it that he doesn't omit church or Sunday School.

In the boarding-school, especially of the military type, the pressure of the reins is even more constant and compelling. Every waking hour is governed, every act under compulsion. The more nearly the individuals become passive cogs on the wheels of a resistless and smooth-running machine, the more perfect the "training" is supposed to be.

Meanwhile, to save trouble and protect themselves from criticism, the colleges insist on the fiction that these unprepared products of such a system are "college men" and in nine cases out of ten do not even profess to hold the reins.

The Slaughter of the Innocents

It is no wonder, therefore, that when these hundred thousand young colts themselves next September "turned loose on Main Street," thousands of them will run wild, smash their college course to smithereens, and be "shot" by the college authorities or by the homefolks before the first year of their great adventure is over.

Incredible as it may seem, some colleges seem proud of their failures, and point to their piles of corpses as evidence of their "high standards." That each represents a wrecked college career and a sorrowing home seems never to occur to them. It is very very hard and very troublesome to train such raw colts to a proper use of freedom. It is so much easier and such an armor against criticism to lay the responsibility entirely on the colts, shoot the runaways by the score, and call the whole murderous process a useful, necessary, and providential elimination of the unfit.

So the slaughter of the innocents goes steadily on, the schools holding the reins tighter, and the colleges abandoning them more completely, with every passing year, with such disastrous effect that of the hundred thousand hopeful aspirants who begin their college training next September less than one in three will attain the desired college diploma.

To the Boy Preparing for College

You cannot reform these stupid methods, but you can, if you have enough brains and backbone, recognize the danger and keep yourself out of the college graveyard.

Let me give you here and now a four-question entrance examination, worth more, I assure you, in testing your fitness for success at college than a ream of entrance certificates or a hatful of "Carnegie units."

The Entrance Examination

Question 1. Are you man enough to get up promptly every morning get to your meals and to school on time every day, and go to bed at a fixed hour every night, all of your own initiative, without a word of reminder from anybody

Test your ability by making an arrangement with your parents that for a trial month you are to be left entirely to yourself in these matters, keeping a strict record of your "oversleeps," "tardies," etc. If you stand the test, continue the arrangement indefinitely in the joy of real manhood. If you fail, stay away from college till you are more of a man. You are not yet "ready."

Question 2. Are you man enough to go off by yourself every day and study all your lessons till you know them, without having any one tell you to get to work?

At college nobody "makes" you study. If you haven't grit enough to do it of your own accord, you will soon be off Main Street in the college graveyard. Your excuses will seem flawless to you but, alas, not to your hard-hearted college executioners, who have a special thirst for the gore of brilliant excuse-makers. If you cannot "pass" this part of the entrance-exam, therefore, save yourself by staying away from college till you are better prepared.

Question 3. Are you man enough to carry loose change in your pocket without spending it?

Childish lack of self-control in handling money ruins more college careers than liquor and gambling combined. Over-spending, buying on credit, borrowing, deceiving the home folks—then the inevitable exposure and smash-up. It is an everyday tragedy on Main Street.

Test your ability by asking your father to give you a cash "salary" in a lump sum at the beginning of each month. Agree with him on a written list of personal expenses it is meant to cover. If, with this money in your pocket, you cannot help "running out" before the month is over, you are not old enough financially to be turned loose on Main Street.

Question 4. Are you man enough, when another fellow's answer is in easy reach, to fail on an examination rather than obtain unlawful aid? In the whirlwind rush of the college Main Street opportunities to lie and cheat are innumerable. If, when the temptation comes, you are too weak to resist, you are unfit for college, and will soon be kicked out by your fellow students and disgraced for life. Until you can safely be trusted with entire liberty in matters involving your truthfulness and honor, stay away from college. You are not yet "prepared," whatever your age, height, or "units."

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This is a short but searching entrance examination. If you cannot stand it, remember that for the weak-willed, short-sighted, and dishonest, the college graveyard is yawning and never full. If you can, rejoice that from the Main Street of college life all roads of success are wide open to the self-controlled and energetic.

Distance of Horizon

The actual distance of the horizon depends upon the height above sea level of the eyes of the observer. The horizon is always as far away as one can see. The higher one goes up from a given point the greater the distance of the horizon. The observer looking out over the land or sea from a high place can see more of the earth's round surface before the curve of the surface takes things beyond the range of vision. If one stands on a cliff 10 feet high at the seashore and looks toward a point where a ship is coming toward the shore, the ship can be seen much sooner than if standing at sea level. In exact words, one sees actually more of the earth's surface the higher up one is because, with the increase of elevation, one's position in relation to the curvature of the earth's surface changes.

Rather Different

No one in the village showed much concern at the news that Rooker was dead, for he had earned a reputation as one who could not be trusted. But a few months after his funeral Rooker was responsible for a big sensation.

"Have you heard about the defacement of Rooker's tombstone?" asked one villager of another as the two met in the main street. It appeared to be the one topic of conversation in the place. But the second villager had not heard about it.

"What's happened?" he inquired.

"Some one has added the word 'friends' to his epitaph."

"What was his epitaph?"

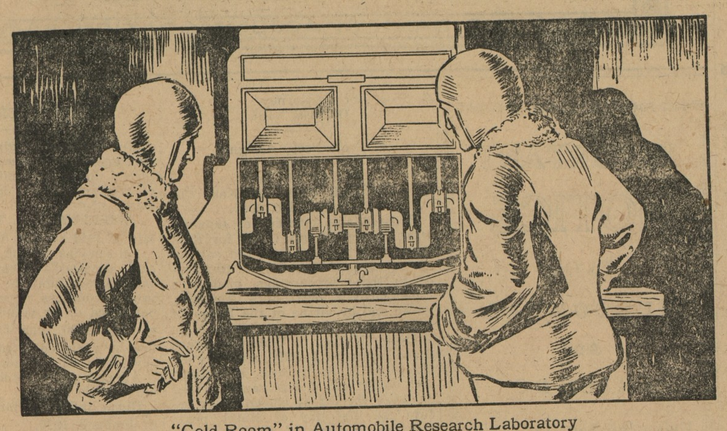
The first villager grinned.

"'He did his best,'" he said.

Our Alphabet

The letters of the English alphabet are about 2,500 years old. They have developed gradually from ancient picture signs like the Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Your Motor May Start Quickly in Winter . . *yet* get no lubrication for many minutes



"Cold Room" in Automobile Research Laboratory

Oils which *stiffen* with cold do not lubricate your motor . . until they get warmed up

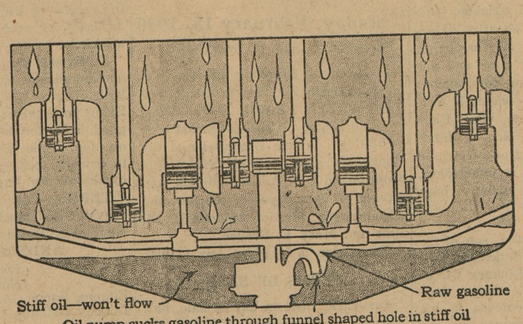
Meanwhile* GASOLINE, *not oil, is fed to bearings
And excessive wear occurs

THE research laboratory of one of the largest automobile manufacturers placed an automobile engine, with glass plates on each side of the crankcase, in a room where the temperature was zero.

After a sufficient time the motor was started. Looking through the glass windows, the engineers saw the motor start quickly. But the oil in the crankcase remained solid until the motor had created enough heat to thoroughly warm the oil. With some oils this took as long as half an hour.

The engineers also found that the oil pump sucked a funnel-shaped hole right through the stiff oil and then sucked raw gasoline, which had poured down the walls of the cylinders into the crankcase. The oil gauge registered pressure, but this was caused by gasoline, not oil.

This test proves that it is false to believe an engine is getting lubrication simply because the motor starts easily. An oil that guarantees an extremely low cold test is essential in lubricating your motor in winter if excessive wear and repair bills are to be avoided.



Oil pump sucks gasoline through funnel shaped hole in stiff oil

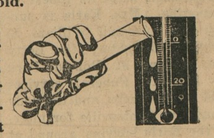
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