

Do Your Best Always.

I know some brilliant young people who might, if they would, unlock and enter the door of a glorious future. But they are not going to realize the hope which their friends indulge for them because they do not strive always to do their best.

So I might go on. But I would not make the lesson more plain. We would not learn it better if a score of illustrations were adduced.

I have in mind two young ladies. Both are talented in music. Both have had good advantages. Both are about the same age.

Three years ago there was little choice between them in the estimation of the friends that admired their girlish efforts.

So it is in everything. The only path to usefulness or triumph is to do the best you can always.

Do not think you can afford to set anything down as commonplace. What you try to do, if it is worth doing, is deserving of your best effort.

The New Game Law.

Some Important Changes that Hunters Should Learn.

The new game law, just signed by Governor Hastings, deals with the protection of song and insectivorous birds, and provides that persons who desire to collect birds, and their nests for scientific purposes shall obtain a certificate from the board of game commissioners at a cost of \$5.

The bill prohibits the sale of game of all kinds killed in the State, and likewise the removal of game from the State. If men kill game illegally they will be sent to jail if their fines are not paid a day for every dollar of fine imposed.

Under the new bill woodcock can be taken in the month of July and from October 15 to December 15 inclusive.

Last Friday, in broad daylight, in an Ohio town, a negro was lynched. On the same day, in the state of Virginia, a black man was executed in a legal manner.

BLIND TOM'S OLD AGE.

HIS CHARACTERISTIC DIVERSION AT HIS HOME IN JERSEY.

Like a Child in Many Ways—Selfish in Some Respects and Deeply Religious in Others. Has no Desire for the Companionship of his Relation.

"What has become of Blind Tom?" This question is often asked by old theatre-goers, who remember the days before the war, when the gifted musical idiot was the star attraction in lyceums, town halls and lecture rooms.

Tom was only a lad then, the slave of a Georgia planter, and his mental weakness, together with his blindness, served to increase the interest of those who saw and heard this ignorant little fellow, with unerring touch, draw from the piano-forte its sweetest and most melodious strains as well as its grandest and most solemn harmonies.

The question as to Blind Tom's whereabouts can be answered best by a tall, broad-shouldered, neatly dressed colored man, whose gray hair and sightless eyes increase the impressiveness of his appearance, in a comfortable cottage at the Highlands of Navesink, on the New Jersey side of the lower New York bay.

He lived there in ease and comfort with his guardian, Mrs. Eliza Lerche, who was appointed ten years ago by Justice Andrews of the Supreme Court as committee of the person and property of the musician. She was then the widow of John G. Bethune, who had charge of Blind Tom for many years, and the old man was given into her care only after a long legal struggle with her father-in-law, James M. Bethune.

When Mrs. Bethune took charge of Tom she found that his popularity as a public attraction had greatly waned, owing to the fact that he had been before the public many years, and that his former managers had made all the money they could out of the peculiar musical talent of the simple-minded colored man without preserving his value as an attraction by replacing his worn-out repertoire with more modern musical pieces.

More than three years ago Mrs. Bethune, who was then Mrs. Lerche, having married Albert J. Lerche, the lawyer, who had fought her legal battles in the courts, had saved enough money to warrant the temporary withdrawal of Blind Tom from the amusement world, so that he might recover his health, and at the same time, familiarize himself with modern musical compositions.

Tom enjoys his long rest, after so many years of incessant travel and work. He does very little visiting among his neighbors and receives few callers at his cottage. He finds sufficient companionship in his piano. He passes hours at a time at the piano, playing his old pieces and practicing new ones.

In spite of his advanced years and his reserved, formal demeanor in company, Tom is merely an overgrown child, and has to be carefully watched by a male nurse, specially hired for that purpose. He has all the selfishness of a spoiled child, and is jealous of any attention paid to any one else in his presence.

The Hen, the Cow, and the Financier.

It is said that the hen saved Nebraska when the hot winds spoiled the grain. The hen and the cow are saving the people of a large part of Kansas and Oklahoma—for even in the territory is seen the daily procession of milk-can-laden wagons.

The hen and the cow is largely in the hands of the farmers' wives, and it is to them that is due credit for bringing into the family cash box some resources when the liggie lord was down on the corner talking "feenance."

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A REMARKABLE BOOK.

It is on the Fine Vellum and is Traced Instead of Printed.

One of the curious books in the world is neither written nor printed. Its pages are composed of the finest quality of vellum, and the letters were written with the pen and traced out of the material with a sharp-pointed knife or a pair of delicate scissors.

The matter is a homily probably composed by some monastic preacher of the middle ages. A remarkable circumstance connected with this book is the fact that although it bears the royal arms of England, no mention of it can be found in any English writing.

The biggest bell in the world, not excepting the cracked one of Moscow, is in the pagoda of Mengoon, a little north of Mandalay, in India. It was cast about the beginning of the century by King Bodawpaya as an accompaniment to the huge brick pagoda which he never finished.

It is said to have been cast on an island and rafted across. The weight is about ninety-eight tons, circumference at the bottom 5 1/2 feet and at the top 26 feet. It averages more than a foot in thickness. The bell itself is more than twelve feet high, and the handle, which was intended for logs of timber, about 12 feet. The pin in the shackle has a diameter of 16 inches.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Evidence of Former Inhabitants. If the find of a Colorado miner be taken as evidence, there is little doubt that the human race existed on this continent as long ago as the time when silver veins were in process of formation.

Lawrence is not interested in wool, but in sheep," the Chicago Tribune (Rep.) explains. "He and a score more of Ohioans raise blooded rams, which they sell to the ranchmen to improve the breed of their sheep and better the quality of their wool. This is a prosaic, useful business, but the country would not be ruined if it were stopped. It is in order to be able to sell more rams that Judge Lawrence poses as the disinterested champion of the sheep raisers."

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What He Did for Them.

"Do you have mice in your house, Parker?" asked Wicks. "Yes—lots of 'em," said Parker. "What on earth do you do for them? I'm bothered to death by them at my house."

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Three Great Conventions. The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor meets at San Francisco, Cal., July 7th-12th. National Educational Association at Milwaukee, Wis., July 6th-9th. Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Minneapolis, Minn., July 6th-9th.

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THE REASON WHY— EVERY WHY HAS A WHEREFORE AND 'TIS WELL TO LOOK FOR IT AT TIMES.

In these days people want to know the why and wherefore. The 19th century man is a natural skeptic. The why and wherefore of such is plain. He reads statements of supposed facts. He is told that every ailment of mankind can be cured.

That backache generally means kidney ache. That the kidneys must filter the blood constantly. That backache is only the first step toward many kidney disorders.

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A Good Lubricant.

"Those children," said Mr. Netherby, as he threw down his paper, "are making so much noise I can't hear myself think. I'm going to attend to them."

"I will," said Mr. Netherby, as he picked up his ruler; "I'll try a little whale oil." —Detroit Free Press.

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Travellers Guide.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD AND BRANCHES. Schedule in effect May 17th, 1897.

VIA TYONE—WESTWARD. Leave Belleville 11:10 a. m., at Altoona, 1:00 p. m., at Pittsburgh, 5:50 p. m. Leave Belleville 1:05 p. m., arrive at Tyone, 2:15 p. m. P. Belleville, 2:55 p. m., at Pittsburgh, 7:00 p. m.

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