

NICE TO HAVE MONEY.

It is nice to have money, but better, my honey, to have what no money can buy—The dipples that wimple upon the sweet river.

Mr. Snooks Learns to Skate.

By LILY RUTHERFORD MORRIS.

"Help! Help!" shrieked Mr. Snooks. He clutched the rail fiercely, with both hands, while first one foot and then the other rolled from under him.

don't start on the left foot. What do you always say the right one for? Well, gol darn it, come on! I'll try it, if it kills me.

THE SADLY HANDICAPPED.

IMBECILES AND CONVICTS GET WORK EASIER THAN ONE-ARMED MEN.

Facts About a Bureau Whose Ultimate Aim is to Assist Every Person Who, by Accident or Disease, Needs a Change of Employment.

An indispensable adjunct to the dispensary, according to Dr. Theodore C. Janeway, is some kind of agency for finding suitable employment for persons handicapped by disease.

"Very often," said Dr. Janeway, addressing the School of Philanthropy, "it is not medicine a man needs, but a change of employment. A disease which can be borne by the well to do for a long time becomes rapidly fatal with the poor, because of the impossibility of their altering their way of life.

Dr. Janeway had these thoughts borne in upon him in his dispensary practice, and the experience of the Charity Organization Society with other handicapped persons, such as ex-convicts and mental defectives, led to similar conclusions.

The tables exhibited by Dr. Janeway showed that of these 376 persons, 120 had been handicapped by a dangerous or unhealthy trade, resulting in accident or injury to their health.

"Age is usually a strict bar to employment," commented Dr. Janeway, "and we think it a great achievement to have placed half of our old age applicants."

The cripples numbered 137. Of these 101 were afflicted with various crippling diseases, such as rheumatism or locomotor ataxia. More one-handed men have been placed than those possessing only one leg.

There is much aversion to the employment of cripples, and it has been found easier to place able-bodied imbeciles and criminals than a man who has lost even one hand.

The invalids having some chronic internal disease numbered fifty-eight, and of these twenty-four have been placed. Thirty-five of the number were tuberculous, and of these seventeen have been placed.

"We are proud of this record, too," said Dr. Janeway, "because two years ago the committee on the prevention of tuberculosis took up the placing of consumptives and gave it up."

Neurosthenics and other nervous sufferers have been found extremely difficult to handle, and only two out of twelve have been placed, but it has been found quite simple to find light employment for convalescents until they recover their strength.

The persons in these various classes have been placed as janitors and furnace men, messengers and delivery men, handy men, domestic servants, porters, factory workers, newsdealers, country laborers and watchmen.

"The ultimate aim of the bureau," Dr. Janeway concluded, "is to have reported to it every person in the city who needs a change of employment.

the progress of disease or so demoralized by relief that they don't want to work we would be able to prevent and ameliorate a great amount of disease, prevent or ameliorate poverty and dependence and stillize a waste social product."

Incidentally the bureau expects to collect some valuable statistics about dangerous trades and the causes of the handicaps with which it has to deal.—New York Tribune.

A GIRL BLACKSMITH

Only Sixteen, and Her Father's Assistant in Shoeing Horses.

Why should not a girl shoe horses if she wants to? It is a trifle unusual, but if she likes the work and is equal to it why should she not do it?

Minnie Hagmann is the daughter of a man who began life as a journeyman blacksmith, but who, becoming ambitious, resolved to have a shop of his own.

Minnie was quite injured to the smell of singed hair and burning hoof, for she had always been fond of hanging about her father in his work.

"But I'd rather help father in the shop than do housework," she says, candidly. "It seems to agree with me, too. I feel well all the time, but I'm always ready to go to bed, I can tell you, after a day's work. I'm glad, too, when Sunday comes and I get a chance to help mother with the housework and to go to church. But I like the shop, and I think women can do manual work just the same as men if they're strong and healthy.

"The only way to get on the good side of a horse is to be decent with him," she says. "If you beat a horse you must expect to get kicked. Horses are like men. When they are treated right they will act right."

Minnie's father is immensely proud of his young assistant. "She is a better blacksmith than the average helper," he says, "and there's no part of a wagon that she can't make. And she takes more interest in my business than I could ever expect of any hired man. After working in the shop all day she does the bookkeeping in the evenings. I leave all that to her. She doesn't work in the shop if she doesn't want to. She can leave any time she likes, though I'd be mighty sorry to lose her. And she seems to like it. She says she's going to keep right on till she's as good a blacksmith as there is in the country."

And there is no idling in the Hagmann shop. Work begins there early in the morning and continues until closing time. Minnie is on hand, working side by side with her father and as hard as he. She returns the shod horses to their owners, too; goes out collecting bills and fetches iron for the shop when it is needed. Often she is out long after dark on these errands, but, as her father says, her work has made her the equal of any man in strength, and consequently she is not afraid. For all this going about she has a pony of her own, named Fawn. When her father gave Fawn to her he (the pony) was composed principally of ribs and skin, but under the care of his mistress he has become a sleek, plump, nimble bit of horseflesh.

Outside of her trade Minnie loves drawing best. She uses her father for a model, and has covered the walls of the shop with pictures of him in various poses. They are crude drawings, but they show some ability. She has no visions of becoming an artist, though. Minnie is hard headed, and knows that for a regular everyday dependence blacksmithing is safer than art. The young forge woman is well liked by the farmers round about her father's shop. In spite of the fact that she collects bills of them, they all have a god word for her.

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WISE WORDS. In all things of the world, the men who look for the crooked will see the crooked, and the men who look for the straight will see the straight.—John Ruskin. Whatever mental difficulties, whatever religious doubts and misgivings may await you, stand fast in this faith—and there is a truth that may be yours; that an absolute and unquestioning fidelity to the truth which God has already revealed to us, which He has written for us in the constitution of the world, of our own nature, of our moral being, is the true and only condition of further revelation.—Thomas Starr King. Some earnest enthusiasm of life is the effectual cure of all disquiet. There will always be minor cares and troubles for those who are at leisure to attend to them; nor can we be rescued from these except by interests and pursuits that take us out of their region.—J. H. Thom. A great sorrow does not always contain the ruin of a great joy. . . . The joys of religion are understood only by those who partake of them.—Madame Swetchine. Our present difficulties and hard questions will soon be solved and passed by. Even the world itself, so difficult to penetrate, so clouded with mystery, will become a transparency to us, through which God's light will pour as the sun through the open sky.—H. Bushnell. Keep true to your best faith and dot the days with deeds which love and kindness prompt. Be just in your dealings, and keep from stain of sin in thought and word and you shall wear the crown of an approving conscience and know the secret of the happy life.—I. Menck Chambers. Religion in its true sense is the most joyous thing the human soul can know; and, when the real religion is realized, we will find that it will be an agent of peace, joy, and of happiness.—R. W. Trine. To believe, not because we are learned and can prove, but because there is a something in us, even God's own spirit, which makes us feel light as light and truth as truth—this is the blessed faith.—F. W. Robertson. The following recipe for a waterproof paint for wood or stone will be found reliable. Melt twelve ounces of resin; mix it thoroughly with six gallons of fish oil and one pound of melted sulphur; mix some ochre or any other coloring substance with a little linseed oil; enough to give it the right color and thickness; apply several coats of the hot composition with a brush. The first coat should be very thin.

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