Uncommon Sense . . .

By JOHN BLAKE

HEED THE PILOT

YOU will seldom be in a crowd of men an hour before you hear one of them say:

"If I were twenty-one years old and knew as much as I do now, I'd be a whale of a success."

Perhaps he would. Perhaps he wouldn't. But it is certain that if he could begin life at twenty-one with the experience of forty he would be far better off.

And the curious thing about it all is that he could avail himself of this experience if he would pay heed to the pilots who are always willing to direct him.

What would you think of a man, who, after asking a policeman for the way to the railroad station, and getting the direction would deliberately go the other way?

Yet that is what is done, repeatedly, by almost every young man who starts out in life.

From his father, his employer, from older friends, he constantly receives directions which, if followed, would be invaluable.

They come from the experience which these men have dearly paid for. They are invaluable.

Yet youth is unheeding, and the advice is almost instantly forgotten with the result that the recipient has to learn from an experience as expensive and often as disastrous as that of the man who counseled him.

If you are a young man you are fortunate. Almost any of your elders will give you sound and sensible advice—advice which you can follow to your own profit if you will.

You can learn by the mistakes of others, instead of by your own.

You can plot your own course from a chart which has been made by those who have gone before you.

You will be wise to do it. Your own experience is a good teacher, but it is an expensive teacher. Far better listen, and listen carefully to the pilot who has traveled the same sea you must travel, and knows where the rocks are.

Some young men do this, and all of them who do so succeed.

Remember that, and you will be saved many griefs, many losses, and perhaps final and utter failure. And when you are forty, and nowhere, you will not be repining that you can't start the world at twenty-one with your present knowledge.

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Improvement on the 'Cello.

A new form of the 'cello, having five strings instead of the usual four, is illustrated and described in Popular Mechanics Magazine. The additional one is an E string, made of No. 7 piano wire, which is kept under a tension of 60 pounds by a small worm-gear, and extends the tone range of the instrument considerably.

Conan Doyle on Dreams.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle never had a recurring dream. "But," he added, "I have several times had prophetic dreams, exact in detail. In sleep the soul is freed and has enlarged knowledge. This it endeavors to pass on to the body, but it seldom succeeds. When it does it is just at the moment between sleeping and waking."

DEFIANCE

By GRACE E. HALL

LET no man say to you that you shall fail—
Fling back his words and prove they are but lies!
Although your spirit falter—aye, and quail—
You shall not lose unless your courage dies;
So long as you are brave enough to try,
The flame of strength within you shall not die.

If sometimes you shall feel the fatal urge
To let your grip grow loose upon life's reins,
Lash every energy with scorn, and merge
Your forces in a drive against your pains;
Let no one have the chance to pass and say
You are a weakling, wrecked along the way.

Let no man smile and say you've lost your hold—
You're judged by what you seem in actual view;
Within his heart he too may be less bold
A thousand times than he may seem to you;
The one who takes the upper sphere, is he
Who fights each day a stronger man to be.

Whatever be the place that now is his,
Be sure he fought to be the man he is.

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SCHOOL DAYS

Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

BUILDING ON SAND

BE WATCHFUL of your words and acts lest you build your reputations of sand.

Seek truth, accuracy and exactitude. Better be plain, matter of fact and a bit old-fashioned than to go wabbling through life unsupported by a strong, underlying principle, and especially by the good opinion of your intimates.

Rather than make a promise which you know in your heart cannot be kept, hold your tongue, or you'll slip in spite of yourself from the base of verity. By some, the truth at times may be termed undiplomatic, but it never fails to hold for the eternal ages the full weight of any structure you may elect to build upon it.

And certainly, the conscience is lighter, the eye is steadier, and the character is stronger for the effort. Those who may be inclined to fancy that this is not so are at liberty to make the experiment and judge for themselves.

It is difficult now and then to strike the nicest balance between a questionable truth and a plausible lie, but a moment's clear thinking will usually dispel any lingering doubt. To do as much good as we can, to think thoughts that we are not ashamed to utter, to be charitable ought to be our dominating purpose.

If in these things we fail in the slightest degree, we are building our reputation on a support of sand, likely at any moment to shift its position and wreck the good name we have been striving years to construct.

Even the best of us, especially in our emotional moments, when tongues are glib and imaginations are superheated, incline to equivocation, in spite of our good breeding and honorable intentions. If by chance we should be found out, our reputation goes to pieces. All we have to go and come on is our language. Should we trip up in its use, or deliberately put words in wrong places, we erect our earthly structure on a bed of sand which in later years brings us face to face with humiliating disaster.

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Mother's Cook Book

The world goes up and the world goes down,
And the sunshine follows the rain;
But yesterday's sneer and yesterday's frown
Can never come over again.
—Charles Kingsley.

WHOLESOME DISHES

KEEP this recipe where you can find it when apples are plentiful:

Baked Scotch Apples.

Select perfect apples of medium size, cut in halves and lay in a casserole. Pour into the dish one-half cupful of boiling water. Mix one cupful of shaved maple sugar, or light-brown sugar, a bit of salt, one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of ground cloves and sprinkle over the apples. Just before putting the dish into the oven turn over the apples the juice of a lemon and a tablespoonful of butter. Bake covered in a moderate oven for half an hour, then remove the cover and bake fifteen minutes longer and at greater heat.

Bottled Cocoa.

For the mother who serves cocoa often the following will prove helpful: Take one cupful of cocoa, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt, one-third of a cupful of sugar, and one cupful of boiling water. Boil together until thick, then put in the ice chest in a bottle when cool. Add a tablespoonful to hot or cold milk and it is ready to serve.

Put a tablespoonful of strained honey into the grape fruit as it is prepared for breakfast or luncheon. Garnished with a maraschino cherry it makes a most acceptable dessert.

Nellie Maxwell

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MEN YOU MAY MARRY

By E. R. PEYSER

Has a Man Like This Proposed to You?

Symptoms: Rather stocky—short — round head — tightly cropped brown hair—a good plodder. "Everything suits me," he tells you. "What a cinch he'll be," think you. Gallery seats are good enough for him—he likes the feel of the differential-in-coin in his sensitive pockets. Rarely buys a new suit. Never thinks of taking a taxi for you when you are caught in a storm with your best clothes on—never enters his mind! Yet he has a tidy bit of dough, in the ba(n)kery, and he is a very safe bet.

IN FACT

Safety-first is his hyphenated middle name.

Don't dare!

℞ He likes you because he thinks you're saving.

Save yourself by earning something on the side, unbeknown to him.

Absorb This:

A SELF-EARNED PENNY TURNETH AWAY ARGUMENT.

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Speed in Oiling Ships.

Facilities for increasing the pumping capacity of the United States shipping board fuel oil station at Blakeley Island, Mobile, Ala., have recently been installed. The pumping capacity from storage to ships of their station is now approximately 1,800 barrels.

Community Building

INCREASING USE OF STUCCO

As a Building Material It Is Finding Appreciation Among Architectural Critics.

Not only do architectural critics consider stucco as one of the most attractive finishes to be obtained for exterior walls of modern buildings but the general public as well has placed its approval upon this method of structural finishing and beautifying.

Stucco is a magnesite product which not only is pleasing in appearance but has permanency as well. Properly applied, it is said to last as long as the foundation of a home. It is said to be fireproof and fire resisting. It is understood to resist the natural elements said to disintegrate and destroy some other forms of finish. Stucco forms a protection to the structure to which it is applied and protects and perpetuates itself as well.

Attractiveness possible in the variety of its use and design is a feature. Block after block of homes, churches or other buildings can be built with this type of finish and no two buildings need be alike. This difference in appearance is obtained through the use of small pebbles, crushed rock, flaked shells and other materials capable of resisting constant exposure to the weather, and varying so greatly in texture and color that unlimited combinations can be obtained, giving to each building a distinctly different effect from the one adjacent. These surfaces are never painted and are said to be ideal as the resurfacing for old structures, resulting not only in making them look new, but making cooler homes in the summer and warmer houses in the winter.

MUST NOT OVERLOOK VINES

Have Strong Useful Purposes as Well as Generally Recognized Ornamental Effect.

Vines are among the most useful plants for "tying" buildings to their surroundings. There is a freedom and grace about their growth that helps to relieve the formality of buildings or fences better than almost any other plants. Care in their selection is necessary, however, as there are disadvantages in the use of some vines under certain conditions. On brick and stone buildings some of the clinging vines are most appropriate. The impression that such vines are injurious to the walls or make them damp which exists in some quarters is erroneous, the United States Department of Agriculture believes.

The great problem is so to train the vines that they may be removed to permit proper painting of the woodwork when that is necessary. This may be done by means of a trellis hinged near the ground or a chicken wire placed over hooks at the highest point, so that it may be removed. A trellis can be made of chicken wire on a pipe frame that will keep vines entirely away from woodwork. The thought is sometimes expressed that vines cause woodwork to rot. This is true if they are permitted to become so thick as to prevent proper ventilation and timely painting. Hot sunshine, however, is one of the most destructive forces in the life of paint. Vines by their shade help to preserve paint instead of destroy it.

Means "Better America."

Speaking at the Better Homes ceremony President Harding declared that the movement for better homes "is a movement for a better America." He continued:

"The home is at least not merely the center but truly the aim, the object and the purpose of all human organization. The common man of yesterday was a serf, a peasant, bound to tasks whose significance he did not know, and for whose results he had small care. The common man of today is a citizen, a voter, a sovereign, truly a participant in determining the ends and destiny of the state. It is the purpose of the Better Homes movement to make possible a like advance in the status of womankind."

Prepare Plans Carefully.

Don't make the mistake of building from sketchy plans or from no plans at all. Nothing is more expensive than the rule of thumb of planning or hit-and-miss building. Railroads cannot operate trains without time tables. There is no quicker way to wreck your purse than building without an accurate buying and building schedule. This means carefully prepared plans that are complete in every respect.

Town Wants Radio Set.

Seward, Alaska, is conducting a rapid-fire campaign to raise funds for a municipal radio outfit.

Home Town Generally Best.

Someone has said: "I'd rather be a big toad in a small puddle than a small toad in a big puddle." For most men there are greater opportunities in home towns than there are in large cities. Better stay in your home town.

Individual Effort Necessary.

A clean city, be it remembered, can come only from individual effort. Don't leave it to your next door neighbor to do all the cleaning in your community—get busy yourself.

ONE OF BRITAIN'S OUTPOSTS

Island of Mauritius Just Small Part of Great Empire's "Far-Flung Battle Line."

Have you ever heard of "The Island of the Dodo?" Sounds like the same island of the more or less mythical idyl of Paul and Virginia.

However, there is such a place, because L. C. Barbeau is health commissioner of this island, and recently was a delegate to the national conference of social workers, held at Washington.

The Island of the Dodo, better known as the Island of Mauritius, is a small principality under the British government off the southeastern coast of Africa, east of Madagascar. It's population consists chiefly of Hindoos, British, Dutch and a mixture of all three.

"The island," said Mr. Barbeau, "is often spoken of as the 'star' of the Indian ocean, but I prefer the name of 'Sugar island,' by which it is also known in our part of the world. It enjoys a delightful climate and exhibits a quaint combination of tropical and temperate zone scenery. Its soil is completely free from beast of prey or venomous reptiles. The death rate, however, from disease is high."

This island is in the southern confines of the tropics. It was once the home of the extinct Dodo. Originally colonized by the French, it was conquered by the English during Napoleonic wars, and has remained British.

Because of its excellent harbors and its situation on the sea route between India and South Africa it was at one time of much commercial importance, but this has been much reduced by the opening of the Suez canal.

Dr. Barbeau's problem for public health work is that of a whole country with a population of nearly half a million inhabitants on an island only fourteen or fifteen miles in length. Dr. Barbeau is a graduate in medicine of the University of Edinburgh. He is director of the government laboratory in Mauritius.

Losing $10 to $75 an Acre.

Farmers the world over are having their troubles except in Denmark. English farmers are losing $10 an acre on wheat, $15 an acre on oats, $20 an acre on barley, and $50 to $75 an acre on potatoes. Hard as this may be to believe, these are average losses set forth by experts in the London Times. That paper comments, "If the English farmer this year simply ceases to grow crops he will be keeping money in his pocket instead of losing it." The reasons for this situation as given by the London newspaper are several, a disturbed world, unstable exchanges, high railway rates, restricted credit, too short credit and middlemen's profits. When milk sells for 16 cents a quart in England, the farmer gets 7 cents, the railroad 4 cents; a loaf of bread retails for 18 cents, the farmer gets 7½ cents, millers and bakers get the rest; of every $5 bill spent for beef the farmer gets only $2. These figures are from the London Statist. They show how similar are the troubles of farmers 3,500 miles apart.

Impassable Street a Blessing.

The old adage, "It's an ill wind," was successfully demonstrated the other day to a young couple who live uptown in an apartment overlooking an avenue which, because of comparatively little traffic is always used by the neighborhood fire engines when answering a call, the New York Sun states.

This avenue is now half torn up. New sewers or something are being put in and three new apartment houses are being erected. There is much building material strewn about and passage even on foot is a trying matter.

The young couple were inclined to be resentful—the dust, the inconvenience—until they discovered that the state of the street was really a blessing in disguise. The fire engines are now compelled to take another route and the young couple's sleep at night is no longer disturbed as formerly.

"What Road's This?" "Dunno."

The limited horizon of childhood was illustrated aptly for a motorcar load of explorers who found themselves at a crossroads a few miles east of Holliday, Kan., without more than a general idea which way to turn. Two boys, each about eight years old, were trying to catch a turtle in a mudhole.

"What road's this?" the driver asked, pointing to the crossroad.

After a moment of frowning concentration, in chorus: "I dunno."

"Well, where does this one go straight ahead?"

"Oh," said the taller, "that goes to the store and the schoolhouse!"

And both severed relations by grabbing again for the turtle.

Veteran Believer in Work.

Mrs. H. T. Burhead, nearly eighty years of age, does all her own gardening and sold $300 worth of produce last season in addition to what she raised for her own use. She gardens about an acre and hires the plowing done, but does all the rest of the work herself, including the spading of the entire garden in the spring. She believes firmly that hard work cures most of the ills of life.—Shelbina Democrat.

To Fight Loss From Rust.

One result of Sir Robert Hadfield's announcement that the ravages of rust and corrosion represent an annual wastage of $2,500,000,000 is a suggested exhibition in London of non-rusting and anti-rust products.

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JUDGE COULDN'T SEE POINT

Legal Luminary Had His Own Idea as to What Really Should Be Considered Distance.

An old judge had grown tired of the petty interests and conventions of a small city. Desiring to live closer to nature, he had built his home on the outskirts of the town.

One day he met a number of the younger legal lights who were inclined to think the old judge rather eccentric, and he, in turn, did not agree with them as to their importance on earth.

"But, judge," one of the leading lights said, "you live so far out."

"So far out? So far out?" the judge spouted. "So far from where, from whom, you? I am just as close to the sun, moon and stars as you are."—Judge.

Those who have known grief seldom seem sad.

If coffee disagrees drink Postum
"There's a Reason"