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VEBSITY, DELIVERED TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 224, 1869. AMBITION TO DO GREAT THINGS OFTEN A

NINDRANCE TO SUCCESS IN LIFE Our historian, Bancroft, states that in 1576 Martin Froblsher, an Englishman well versed in various navigation, had revolved the design of accomplishing the discovery of the North-western Passage; esteeming it "the only thing of the world that was yet left undone by which a notable mind might be made famous and fortunate."

Two thousand and five hundred years Israel. A messenger was sent to him saying, "Go wash in Jordan seven times, and done too for years, for the benefit of and thy flesh shall come again to thee and thou shalt be clean." But the captain a dog that he should do this thing?" He and thy flesh shall come again to thee and his son, is ready to ask, "Is thy servant thou shalt be clean." But the captain a dog that he should do this thing?" He was wroth and went away saying, "Be would begin the world in the manner and hold; I thought he will surely come ont style in which the parent ended it, after a to me, and stand and call on the name of life of self-denial and toil, and he will the Lord his God and strike his hand over the place and recover the leper." Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near and spake unto him and said; "My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing

wouldst thou not have done it? How much rather then, when he saith to thee, wash and be clean. So in all ages men have desired to do some great thing, despising the common and necessary duties of the hour, essen-tial alike to present happiness and future

Ambition to do great things thus often proves a hindrance to success in life. And by a successful life we do not necessarily mean one that attracts the world's notice We count that man successful, who, whether by the faithful performance of lowly duties, or the schievement of more dazzling exploits, develops to the fullest extent every power and faculty of his being. We believe the world writes success on many a whited sepulchre, and failure on many a life that by faithful performance of duty, and patient endurance of toil and sorrow, has developed a strong, brave and manly character. The world worships what it counts

He who accomplishes some SHCCess great object, acquires great wealth, or at-tains high position, whether by real merit or a fortunate combination of circumstances, is admired, and the admiration for the man's success is easily transferred to the man himself. On the other hand, he who may have exhibited more wisdom, more energy and talent, but has been defeated in his plans by unavoidable calamities is treated with neglect and scorn and his real merits are soldom recognized. "How important to be successful,"

said the great but unfortunate Kossuth, as he stood by the grave of Washington. Doubtless, Martin Frobisher, who failed in the great purpose of his life—the dis-covery of a Northwest Passage—felt what the elequent and heroic Kossuth uttered. To seek to be successful in the integrate to be successful in the successful in the successful in the the successful in the successful i true and hi e of the word, to be

suit of literature, often scorns the weary, patient toil that may for years go unre-warded. The clerk longing for his em-ployer's wealth and luxurious ease, scorns the persevering industry and rigid econ-omy by which that wealth was acquired. The apprentice most unwillingly endures the years of toil and service necessary to acquire the skill and reputation which have brought a golden harvest to his master. No long, tedious process, no years of careful training, nothing which de-mands patient attention to little things, is willingly endured. We forget that it.

probably end it where the parent began. As we look upon such a life, we exclaim, "His promises are, as he then was, mighty, And his performance as he now is, nuthing." Such persons take telescopic and never

The accidental reading of a single book changed the entire life of Father Male-branche. The dropping of a single stone made Hauy a mineralogist. A single sentence turned the dissipated Paley from his vicious course to that of the distinguished author and bishop. A sleepless night passed by Napoleon at Borodino, the failure to send up a rocket at Ant-werp, the neglect of an English sentinel to give an alarm at Sebastopol, caused

> the Thames tunnel. A spider's web sug-gested to Sir Samuel Brown the invention of suspensionsion bridges. When the political destiny of France

depended upon the speed which Louis Sixteenth should make in his, flight from Paris, he paused by the way-side to drink bottle of wine-said coolly that it was the best bottle he ever drank -and suffer. ed the scale which held the fortunes of

often turns on circumstances apparently insignificant. He who with a word creates

ambitious for excellence, goodness and greatness, to develop to the fullest extent all of one's faculties, and make the ut-most possible of himself in all respects, is the right and imperative duty of every one. No one has a right to neglect any opportunity to improve his own condi-tion or to benefit others. But those who look at the future and neglect the present who aspire for the great and omit the small on which the great depends, who seek an object and disregard the appro-priate means to obtain it, who would be men and never children, are surely sowing seed from which they can only reap bitter shame and disappointment. But there are multitudes who refuse to

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meet the hourly demands for effort, for self-denial and self-control, to perform duties which will secure no loud acclamations, win no applause, no honors, no triumph and no millions of wealth, and yet are ever ready to do or attempt some great thing, some daring or brilliant exploit by which fame and fortune may be at once seized. They forget that the ability to do great things comes from pa-tient and persevering attention to little

things. Said a gentleman to an artist when told the price of a painting, "That is a large sum to ask for a piece of work that it takes you only ten days to execute." "Yes," replied the artist, "but you forget that it has taken me thirty years to learn to paint that picture in ten days."

Michael Angelo was one day explaining to a visitor at his studio what he had been doing to a statue since his previous visit. "I have retouched this part, polished that, softened this feature, brought out that solution of the second Fuller said, "I shall never become an ar-tist: I have no patient love of execution."

To rise gradually is too slow a process: Life is cheerfully risked, reputation en-dangered, and wealth squandered for im-modiate fame or power. Thousands and tens of thousands have left homes of com-fort and rich, privilege to obtain sudden-fort and rich, privilege to obtain sudden-mealth, amid privations and dangers and uncertainues of every kind. For sudden ifter of climate, the terror of the voyager, and the delight of the lover of the beau-tiful and grand. Slowly and by a myriad of distinct acts, the glasses of the teles-cope are mouled into shops, are the fort stating listless and idle, wait-ing for some rare opportunity, such as To rise gradually is too slow a process.

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her canvass spread to the breeze, and her gay colors flying in the wind, seems

infancy carried on his long arithmetical calculations by means of pebbles and beans, and read the great French Encyclopedia when he was thirteen; and Pas-cal the philosopher and divine, who when he was twelve years of age, without in-Euclid, were not exceptions to this great law. He who will not advance in this way will not advance at all. The ladder to knowledge, influence and wealth must be ascended round by round. The good

by gradually yielding to vice. "Tis the little rift within the lute, This toy and by will make the music mute, And ever widening, slowly slience sil."

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