

Prexy's Preachment

One of the characters of Dickens, drawn with frank sincerity, is called the Artful Dodger. He boasted of his ability to evade the law and to escape detection. Omitting the criminal aspect, I wonder whether we do not have artful dodgers today.

You have heard such a man boast of his ability to escape chapel for a semester or for his college course. He gets himself appointed fourth assistant surveyor for his boarding table or he hires a friend to take his place and he sends for him. He gets a temporary excuse of some kind, possibly feigning sickness, trusting that its expiration will be overlooked. In similar ways he evades his military obligations, or his these preparation, and sets up some kind of an excuse to get home earlier or stay longer after a vacation.

If only he worked as hard at his studies as he does at evading them, he would easily rank in the upper third of his class. His unfortunate tendency is to boast of his dodging and thereby to glorify himself to his fellows. If he had eyes in the back of his head, he could see their looks, he would be silenced. They know that later he will

be likely to dodge paying his lawfully earned wages. His jury duty, will dodge when a financial "drive" comes along and otherwise evade his duties as a citizen. As the dodging twig is inclined, so the dodging tree will grow.

Ben Franklin was as much an original American in his age as Lincoln was later. His homely use of the English language was criticized at the time. For instance, he had a favorite saying that he once had paid too much for his whistle.

It seems that he had as a boy bought a whistle which took all his saved pennies. While he was rejoicing in blowing it, a bystander said he thought he had paid too much for it. Franklin never forgot the experience. When tempted to buy something extravagant, he reminded himself that it was poor policy to pay too much for your whistle. When about to squander his time on something foolish, he remembered to inquire whether it was worth the price.

How frequently we see a person who has paid too much for his whistle. The poor fellow who foolishly cheats in an examination or work and goes home to heart-broken parents—does he not pay a high price for his whistle? The one who boasts that he never misses a night at the movies is likely to find at the close of the year that he has paid entirely too much money and time for his whistle. The girl who contracts a hasty and foolish marriage often pays dearly for her whistle. The student who squanders money in college and goes home and learns of the sacrifices made by his parents to supply him with

money often pays a high price in penitence and regret for the tin whistle he blew in college.

Are you paying too high a price for any of your whistles? Think it over.

FOUR STUDENTS RECEIVE INJURIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

While on their way home at the beginning of the Easter recess, four students of the college were the recipients of severe injuries when the truck in which they were being conveyed to Lawlertown, overturned, following a refusal of the brakes to operate. Owing to the lack of transportation facilities, the truck was pressed into service and fourteen men took passage on the machine. While descending the mountain, on the side of Millroy, the brakes refused to hold and the machine began a wild journey during which four of the men decided to jump from the car instead of trusting to chance of safety when the bottom of the mountain had been reached. A lucky turn into a gravel bank, however, before the bottom was reached prevented disaster, but

caused considerable jolting of the machine and its occupants, none of whom received any serious injuries. The injured men who were taken to the Lawlertown hospital, were Frank L. Wolf '22, Carlisle, who received a compound fracture of the right leg, which was later amputated, Carl Conrad '23, of Brookton, who sustained severe cuts about the head and neck, G. C. Reeser, of Mount Union, scalp wound, and J. E. Brown '21, of Glenado, who received several cuts and body bruises.

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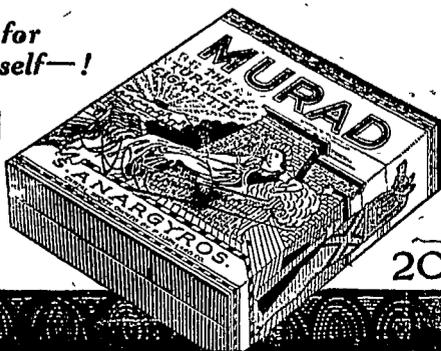
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