

STICKING BY THE JOB.

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THE house in which I am living was built more than twenty-five years ago, and not badly built either, but as I go around it I can still find things that were not quite finished. There is a strip of molding in the bathroom that is only lightly tacked on; a shelf is missing from one of the closets; a nail is only half driven into the base-board, or something is left just short of finishing. The whistle had blown for the noon hour, the clock had struck six, or for some reason or other the workman had been called away from the job, and he had forgotten that anything had been left incomplete. It would have been better if he had stuck by his job until it was finished.

"I'll come back in a few days," the painter was saying the front porch, said two years ago, "and touch up the back steps a little. They need a second coat. Just now I must go over to the Sheldon house. They want to move in." I've never seen him since, and the paint is wearing very thin on the back steps.

The electrician who hung the lantern over our front door broke one of the strips of glass in doing so. He could easily repair it, he said; there was plenty of glass like it in his shop. He'd look after it next day. It has been hanging there for weeks and the job is not yet done.

Jacobs was gone this summer. He had not had a real vacation for ten years, so he took his wife and family and spent three months visiting the home of his ancestors across the ocean. They had a wonderful time, but Jacobs says he's never going away again until he retires from business.

"I haven't any doubt," he explained to me, "that when I stop they'll get someone to look after things quite as well, if not better than I do, but so long as I draw the salary, I suppose I'm expected to take the responsibility. As long as you have a job, it's better to stick to it. I'll take me three years to correct all the things that were bungled or neglected or done wrong while I was gallivanting about Europe. As long as a job's yours, you'd better look after it, I say."

The Tan Kappas started out with a fine group of men and with admirable enthusiasm. They had ideals, they showed energy, they did their work admirably; but that was at the beginning, as I said. They have been slumping lately; they are letting go at loose ends; they are not sticking by the job.

It takes persistence to stick by a job until it is finished, to see that all the nails are driven, and the tag ends tied up, and the last detail looked after. It's the way a man ought to want to do his work, whether it is a house he is building or a life.

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CATTLE JUDGING TEAM PLACES AT SPRINGFIELD

Only 45 points behind the leaders, the Penn State dairy cattle judging team tied for third place in the students' contest at the recent Eastern States Exposition. Cornell was first with 3775 points, Maine second with 3720 points, and Penn State and Maryland had 3690 each. Ten teams participated.

D. C. Way '28, R. W. Hummer '27, and A. E. Ifft '27, composed the Penn State team. The Keystone judges won first place in placing Holsteins. Way was high man on the Penn State team and near the top in the scoring for all breeds. Prof. A. L. Beam, of the dairy production staff, was the coach.

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LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE

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DAUGHERTY was always looking into the future, or trying to do so. "I wish I knew what was going to happen to me next year," you could hear him saying when he was announcing his plans for the future.

If there was a student doing business in a side show when Daugherty went to the circus, he always paid his dollar to have his hand read, and he was most credulous in believing what the fakir told him. If there was ever a clairvoyant or a spiritualistic seance in the village Daugherty was sure to have a front seat at the opening night, eager to get, if possible, the advance dope on what was going to happen to him.

Being credulous, as I have said, he wasted a good deal of time in thinking about the fortunes which were said to be coming his way, the long journeys he was going to take, or the dark-eyed beauties who were destined to cross his path. He made plans for the future based upon what he had been advised by some shrewd fakir was going to come to pass, and then lost out because nothing happened. He grew weary after a while of being so often disappointed, and decided that it was just as well, possibly, to let the future manage itself and to take things when they came. It is the wise point of view.

It is just as well, I think, much as we often feel otherwise, that we are ignorant of what is going to happen to us tomorrow or next month or ten years from now. Few of us plan our lives as we should do if we knew they were to end tomorrow. We shall live to eighty or ninety, we tell ourselves, and there is plenty of time before us to do the things that should be done.

Morrow lived a wonderfully happy life. He was ambitious, he worked hard, he had begun to accomplish unusual things with the prospect before him of being one of the most distinguished men in his profession throughout the country. Then the end came; he was dead at thirty-five, but even in these few years he had done much.

Had he known ten or fifteen years before he died that he should go at thirty-five, would he have accomplished what he did? Would his heart have faltered when he looked forward to the end? Would he have lost courage, and have waited stolidly and ineffectively for the end? Possibly.

We would faint by the roadside often, if we knew of the sorrow and the misfortune and the sacrifice that await us on the road ahead, but which, when it comes, we meet with fortitude. Men would be so elated, perhaps, if they could realize years before it comes to them the success and the prosperity that are to be theirs, that it would be impossible to live with them, so concealed would they be.

No; it is a wise provision of Providence that we cannot look into the future.

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GETTING ON WITH PEOPLE

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ATKINSON is having a rather serious time just now because he cannot get on with his instructor in zoology. Atkinson lives at some distance from the campus, and he enjoys both lying in bed in the morning until the last minute and then eating his breakfast in a leisurely manner. He has a good appetite. As a result he not infrequently arrives at the natural history building some minutes after the roll is taken and is therefore marked absent. The instructor, who is not always punctilious in keeping his own engagements, refuses to cancel the absence even when made aware of Atkinson's tardy arrival, and this procedure irritates the boy.

He wants to get out of the class; he wants to take up some other subject; he thinks the instructor unreasonable, and he can't get on with him. Last year it was the same in mathematics, and next year there will be some sort of clash in philosophy, for it has never occurred to Atkinson that he might adjust his own desires and preferences and idiosyncrasies to suit his instructor. He might get up a little earlier in the morning, he might give a little less deliberate attention to his breakfast, he might hasten his steps when approaching the class room. In fact it would be quite possible for him to study his instructor at the same time as he is applying himself to his books, and do so, too, with marked profit to his final semester grades. The art of getting on with people hasn't yet appeared to him.

Potter is almost an exact duplicate of his father in physique and in temperament. Each one is arrogant and high-tempered and hard to get on with, and hell bent to have his own way. As a result they are at loggerheads all the time. The boy is really all right, but when the father is domineering the son is insolent. Where there might be friendship and sympathy and companionship, there is constant working at cross purposes. The boy hates to go home. After an absence of two or three months he can get on with his father for a day or two, and then the storm breaks.

Neither one seems to have tried to understand the other, to bear with the other's foibles, to overlook his weaknesses, so there is constant wrangling and unhappiness, where there might be comfort and peace and satisfaction. There is the old story of the man and his wife who were both firebrands but who seemed always to get on happily with each other. When asked how under such dangerous circumstances such happy results were attained the man replied:

"When she flashes fire, I throw on the water, and vice versa. We have agreed that only one of us shall get angry at a time, so there can never be a quarrel."

It is possible to get on with anyone if we will only study him carefully enough. The devil is said to have his good traits. Success in all lines, happiness itself, depends upon our learning to get on with people.

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Thespian Club Calls Vaudeville Candidates

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time the work of the freshmen will be outlined by the present production staff. Yearling candidates have the opportunity of becoming Production, House, or Stage Manager during their senior year.

Plans for the road trip of the annual production, "The Aztec Maid" are rapidly taking shape. Stops at Wilkes Barre and Scranton are pending. Both cities are waiting until they know whether seasonal stock companies will be playing at their theatres during the spring. At least a six or eight day tour is assured for the club.

The contract with the Ned Wayburn Studio to coach the production has again been arranged. Mr. Darcy who has been associated with the Thespians in past years, may be obtained for the new production.

Student Board Takes Part In Governing

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the event that such punishments recommended by the Board are palpably inappropriate, the case may be returned to the Student Board by the President (Council of Administration) for further investigation.

We, the student members of Student Board, concur in the above resolution, and herewith place our hands and seals.

(Signed):
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UNKNOWN FLIER PROVES PENN STATE GRADUATE

Necks were craned upwards about eleven o'clock Tuesday morning when the sound of an aeroplane motor was heard doing a "hesitation" act. The engine suddenly stopped and just at the time when the spectators expected the unknown flier to make a local landing, the motor resumed action. This was repeated several times. The spectators, still gazing skyward, were puzzled.

A telephone call to the Bellefonte Air Mail Emergency Station later disclosed the information that the flier was Lieutenant H. G. Bowes '19. Since graduation from Penn State, Lieutenant Bowes has been connected with the Navy Air Corps, having been stationed at the Anacosta Field near Washington, D. C.

The Council of Administration has received a petition signed by the undergraduate members of the Student Board asking that the Student Board be recognized as capable of disposing of cases of student dishonesty, gambling, immoral and unethical conduct and that it be empowered to recommend such punishments for offenders as may be deemed advisable by the Board, the final authority in all cases to be vested in the President of the College or the Council of Administration.

The Council of Administration is glad to note the interest of the Student Board in desiring to assume some responsibility for student moral conduct and is willing to accept in principle the offer of the Student Board as an experiment and to authorize the appointment of a committee to meet with the Student Board and work out a more definite method of procedure. The Council understands that the Student Board proposes not only to pass upon cases referred to it by college officers but also to hold investigations in cases of misconduct which comes to its attention independently of college officers.

The committee that was appointed by the Council of Administration to confer with the Student Board and to help to find the best method and procedure of dealing with those who are violators of college rules is composed of Deans Warnock, Stoddard, and Chambers.

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