

Our Educational Column.

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Boys and girls, some time ago your "uncle" gave you this maxim, "Begin well if you would end well," and this week we will give you the subject ably discussed in all its fullness by J. G. Holland, under the title, "Getting the Right Start." James Russell Lowell says: "The best part of a man's knowledge is where knowledge leaves off and ignorance begins," and Mr. Holland echoes it by starting his subject with this parallel expression: "The first great lesson a young man should learn, is that he knows nothing," and that the earlier and more thoroughly this lesson is learned, the better it will be for his success in life. A young man bred at home, and growing up in the light of parental admiration and fraternal pride, cannot readily understand how it is that every one else can be his equal in talent and acquisition. If bred in the country and to seek the life of the town, he will very early obtain an idea of his insignificance. This is a critical period in his history. The result of his reasoning will decide his fate. If, at this time, he thoroughly comprehend and in his soul admit and accept the fact that he knows nothing and is nothing; if he bow to the conviction that his mind and person are but ciphers, and that whatever he is to be, and is to win, must be achieved by hard work, there is abundant hope for him.

If, on the contrary, a huge self-conceit still hold possession of him, and he straighten stiffly up to the assertion of his old and valueless self—or if he sink discouraged upon the threshold of a life of fierce competitions, and more manly emulations, he might as well be dead. The world has no use for such a man and he can only retire to be trodden upon.

When a young man has thoroughly comprehended the fact that he knows nothing, and that, intrinsically, he is of but little value, the next thing for him to learn is that the world cares nothing for him—that he is the subject of no man's overwhelming adoration and esteem—that he must take care of himself.

If he be a stranger, he will find every man busy with his own affairs, and none to look after him. He will not be noticed until he becomes noticeable and he will not become noticeable until he does something to prove that he has an absolute value in society. No letter of recommendation will give him this, or ought to give him this. No family connection will give him this, except among those few who think more of blood than brain.

Society not only demands that a young man shall be somebody, but that he shall prove his right to the title; and it has a right to demand this. Society will not take this matter upon trust—at least, not for a long time; for it has been cheated too frequently. Society is not very particular what a man does, so that it prove him to be a man; then it will bow to him and make room for him.

There is no surer sign of an unmanly and cowardly spirit than a vague desire for help—a wish to depend, to lean upon somebody and enjoy the fruits of the industry of others. There are multitudes of young men who indulge in dreams of help from some quarter, coming in at a convenient moment, to enable them to secure the success in life which they covet. The vision haunts him of some benevolent old gentleman, with a pocket full of money, a trunk full of mortgages and stocks, and a mind remarkably appreciative of merit and genius, who will perhaps, give or lend them from ten to twenty thousand dollars, with which they will commence, and go on swimmingly.

Now, boys and girls, we have filled our allotted space for this week and will leave you to carefully read and ponder over the above until our next issue when we will give you the remainder of this subject. Study it thoroughly and weigh well the golden truths contained therein. It applies to you all, both nephews and nieces.

Up-to-date Definitions.

Paragoric—The crying need of the midnight hour.
Undertaker—A man who follows the medical profession.
Liberty—The right to compel an outsider to vote with the gang.
Legend—A bare face lies that has grown old enough to wear whiskers.
Tact—A woman's ability to make friends by laughing at a man's stupid jokes.
Kiss—A simultaneous contraction of the lips and enlargement of the heart.
Egotist—A bicycle crank who thinks his is the only high grade wheel on the pike.
Insomnia—Something that keeps a man's wife awake until he comes home in the morning.
Shark—A man who is always anxious to favor his fellow man—at the rate of 10 per cent, a month.
Crank—The man who always insists upon convincing others, but will not allow himself to be convinced.—Pittsburg Times.

The Home Paper.

Only those who have lived in a small town can realize the power and fascination of the home paper. It occupies a place that no other publication can fill. The home newspaper comes first, always. Every body looks through every column to see if his or her "name is in the paper." Each bit of local gossip is read and discussed. Sometimes it is a birth, sometimes a death, sometimes a marriage. No matter what it is, every name mentioned is familiar to all, and for this one reason alone the home paper is prized above and beyond anything the "literary fellows" in the cities can produce.

It doesn't take a very great while to read the news in the home paper; there's time to read the advertisements, and the advertisements are read, just the same as is the news. Every business man in every town where a paper is printed should be represented in that paper. If he is not it is he, not the publisher of the paper, who is the loser.—The Country Publisher.

A Practical Project.

The Sawmut Coal Mining Company people are about to plot out their entire property, consisting of ten thousand acres of land, into small farms, and propose to sell them to their employees at a cost of about two dollars an acre. They will also, to desirable persons, furnish the necessary material on time for their buildings, where the purchaser is unable to furnish the same themselves. The Shawmut company will also furnish labor to the people purchasing the farms. Thus people of small or no means are given an opportunity to secure a home at a nominal cost. The land consists of principally hardwood timber and will be, when cultivated, the most fertile and productive of any in Elk county. This, besides being a fortunate transaction for the people who locate upon the lands, will be a benefit to the whole community, materially increasing the population and prosperity of Elk county.—Brockwayville Record.

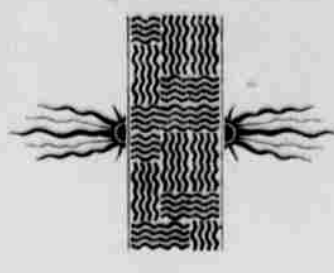
A Few Questions.

One of our exchanges propounds the following: "You can any day see a white horse, why do you never see a white colt? Why does a horse eat grass backward and a cow forward? Why does a hop vine always wind one way and a bean vine another? Where should the inside of a chimney be the bigger, at the top or the bottom, and why? Can you tell why a horse tethered with a rope always unravels it, while a cow twists it into knots? Why do leaves turn upside down before rain? What is the length of a flour barrel? What animals have no upper teeth in front, and why?"

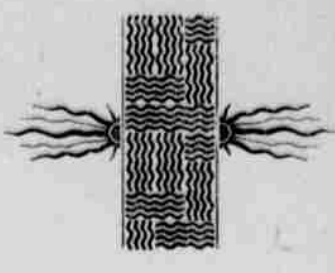
"Into the cow lot bright and gay the milk maid hustles from day to day, and gathers the lacteal fluid white, while the morning sun is yet out of sight. Hot winds may blow and grasshoppers hop, and the bugs and blizzards may gather their crop, but as long as the stream of milk don't stop, the cow and the milkmaid will come out on top."—Ex.

An exchange says: The oyster and the strawberry have each borne their share in evangelizing the world. They have built more churches, paid the salaries of more ministers and helped more heathen than any other two natural agencies.

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For sale by H. A. Stoke.
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See the Men's Suits we sell at **\$5.00** Strictly all wool and cut in the very latest Fall styles. We couldn't sell them for less than **\$8.00** if we had bought them as other houses bought theirs. But we didn't. We bought ours when woollens were away down in price. To-day the manufacturers ask more at wholesale for these goods than we sell them at retail.



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Also over 3,000 pairs of Boys' Knee Pants, Iron-clad and All-wool.

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SECOND MONTH.

Principal's Report.

| Room | Attendance | Percentage |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Room 14, N. B. Madden | 47 45 | 94 |
| " 13, W. J. Weaver | 49 45 | 96 |
| " 12, B. G. Woodward | 47 42 | 96 |
| " 11, T. B. Mitchell | 54 49 | 97 |
| " 10, C. C. Hammond | 55 50 | 95 |
| " 9, F. K. Booth | 48 47 | 92 |
| " 8, Julia Kirk | 54 48 | 93 |
| " 7, Britta Butler | 58 56 | 97 |
| " 6, Jessie Smeltzer | 62 56 | 95 |
| " 5, Minnie Whitmore | 62 57 | 96 |
| " 4, Mary Patton | 61 56 | 93 |
| " 3, Myrtle Geist | 62 56 | 93 |
| Total | 650/607 | 95 |