

Advice to a Young Man.

From the New York Herald.

Real happiness consists of health, self-respect, the good will of the community and a sufficient income to gratify your reasonable wants.

Now, you can have all this if you make certain rules the basis of your conduct.

First—Don't aim too high, but aim straight. Emerson's to "hitch your wagon to a star" is the merest buncombe of rhetoric.

Longfellow's poem, "Excelsior," is another bit of exquisite trash. Of course it is beautiful, "and all like that you know," but it is not adopted to a rough and tumble fight with circumstances.

The young man in that poem shoulders a flag and starts for—well, for nowhere, so far as we can discover.

He is one of the climbers—an explorer of the celestial Alps. When he gets to the top of hill he turns back and screams out "Excelsior!"

He may be going yet, for aught we know. He has undertaken a tough job, though, and his flag by this time must be in tatters.

You want to get rid of a good deal of this "excelsior" folderol. It is a mighty poor investment of talent.

Second—Do your work well, no matter what it is. Study your business. Make yourself master of it by putting your head and heart into it.

Third—Save money. The coward runs in debt, the brave man has a five dollar surplus in his pocket.

Now, young sir, get rid of the nonsense that you are a genius, settle down to the conclusion that you are just an average North American boy and then start in. Keep yourself alert, look after your digestive apparatus, don't smoke cigarettes, get to bed early, be square toed in all your dealings, and we will wager a cookie that at sixty you have to look backward for those who began the race when you did.

Are you ready? Then Go!

They tell a story of a woman in a Massachusetts county who, in answer to the question of a census-taker as to how many children she had, replied that she did not know.

To remove iron rust from white goods, use lemon juice and salt; and oxalic acid is said to be good; three cents worth of acid in one pint of rain water is the way to prepare it.

Vanquished by an Army of Ants.

Frank Gillette, of Fort Worth, Texas, tells of a remarkable fight he witnessed between a large tarantula and a colony of red ants.

He repaired with it to a hill of large red ants, which he had passed on his tramp a short time before.

But presently came forth the ants in a body. Although the talebearers had entered the hill by different holes, the warriors all issued from the same one.

After that the tarantula did not move a limb scarcely. At first it attempted to pull away the leg attacked by the ants, but finding it fastened it shoved along with the disengaged legs, moving perhaps an inch and a-half, but the remainder of its body was soon covered with the insects, which devoted part of their force to holding the victim in place.

In four minutes the tarantula was dead. There was not a sign of blood anywhere on its body, though in many places were evidences of the fray.

Then the ants removed the corpse. It was a heavy body to move, but they accomplished it. On the rather flat top of the hill the pull was hard and long, but on the incline it was easier.

Too Many for an Irish Landlord.—A Irish landlord relates that one of his tenants came to him before his departure and asked to have his cottage enlarged.

"Sure," he said, "it do be too small already, an me family does be need in more room."

"But, Francis," replied the landlord, "you've not been married very long. How old is your oldest?"

"Well," sighed the landlord, "I'm afraid I shall have to enlarge your cottage."

Why I haven't been able to make a fire in the stove here all winter. It doesn't draw.

HIDDEN AT GETTYSBURG.—When going into the battle of Gettysburg, Lee Mason gave his friend, John Ambros, a package to deliver to his wife when the war was over, as he felt a presentiment that he would not survive the engagement.

"Money goes."—The old saying that "money goes" was illustrated recently. A customer tendered a \$20 bill. The tradesman had it changed by a neighbor, who, being in a hurry, gave a pocket piece of \$10 in gold of the issue of 1861, which he prized highly and did not want to part with.

A BRIEF WEDDING.—A certain Georgia editor, who is also a real estate agent, a building and loan association director, an attorney at law, clerk of the town council and pastor of the village church, was recently asked to marry a couple.

RAISABLE.—Daughter (reading a paper)—Is this correct, papa? The paper has made a grammatical error. It says "raised up." Nothing could possibly "raise down," could it?

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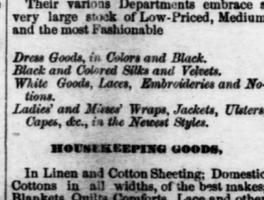
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