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AN OLD MANUSCRIPT.

Advice Written a Yonug Student Long Ago, Which is Applicable at All Times.

The following old letter, address to William S. H. Baylor, then a student at Washington College (now W. & L. University) was handed us recently by a grandson of the recipient. It was written by Mr. S. M. Woodward, the grandfather of Circuit Court Clerk B. Woodward, and contains advice that is as applicable today as it was when it was penned years ago.

Western Asylum, Sept. 24th, 1847.

Dear William:—After a long time I sit down to redem my pledge, whilst I have nothing of importance of the news kind to write you I have thought I might be able from my age and little experience in the world to offer you a little advice, that may enable you to get along in the world.

In the first place let me advise you to lay down a set of rules to govern you in your future conduct through the world, and follow those rules strictly. Make it one of your first duties in life to have respect for religion, whilst you may not fall into this rule very readily in consequence of the allurement of the world and worldiy people, depend upon it, a strict adherence to them will prove of great advantage to you. In the next place pay a strict regard to age and always respect the aged. Never suffer yourself to despise the very poorest creature but in cases if you cannot relieve their poverty you can feel a commiseration for them and for them and even your kind looks will be a great comfort to them if you can afford them no relief.

You are now far from your father and mother and sister placed among strangers, whilst there may be some amongst whom you are thrown that may care for you, the great majority will care nothing further for you than their own interest prompts them to care for you. Be cautious in selecting your associates and particularly cautious in selecting your confidents, let your associates be few and well selected your confidents very few, and selected with great care and caution. You may thereby be able to get along with but little difficulty, be affable and courteous to your fellow students, but never be too familiar as too great familiarity may sometimes betray itself and be looked upon by some with disdain and this will cause you pain and vexation and may end in some difficulty.

Whilst all these things may be avoided by prudence yet a little indiscretion may provoke them, what pain the very smallest indiscretion may prove to your father and mother, you cannot imagine, and the mortification you will feel at giving them pain will cause you many sleepless hours. You ought therefore to be exceedingly prudent to be always on your guard and never suffer yourself to be betrayed into any indiscretions.

You will have many temptations to encounter; amongst so many youths as you are from necessity thrown amongst. They cannot all be good and moral, indeed it would be a miracle if they were.

Consequently the greater the caution, on your part, to beware of being led from the path of rectitude. Never engage in frolicks of any kind, (I mean amongst the students) where spirits are introduced, gameing of any kind, never permit yourself to be drawn into, not even for sport or pastime. If in the company of ladies a game of smut should be introduced your character will not suffer by informing the company you do not know how to play. I have shown you a few of the breakers upon which the youth of our country are too often driven and made shipwreck. When I write you again I may point you to others more fatal than those pointed out above. If I had not thought you would tire with what I have written I should have persued the picture further but will finish it in my next.

As I have said nothing about myself and family, nor anything about your own family, I propose to close this communication on family affairs. I am happy to inform you that your aunt, Polly is getting well, she has been setting up some for the last three days and is able to walk across the floor without assistance. The rest of the sick in the institution are better today. Mrs. Doughlass has been quite sick but is thought to be mending. The servant Joe was taken since you left. I believe he belonged to Mr. Brooke and was our principal cook, died last Monday morning. He is the only person having the fever on the institution lot that has died. Mr. A. G. Day, who was employed as a carpenter by the iustitution was taken with the fever about the time your aunt, Polly was. He died yesterday. These are all the deaths except the man at the Valley Hotel, who had the same fever, that has died in this immediate neighborhood.

Your mother and sister, Kitty, were in to see us since you left and your father was in on Saturday last. They were all well then we have not seen any of them since but I have no doubt they are all well or we should have heard of it if any of them had been sick.

William Woodward says he will write to you after you have answered this, which I hope you will soon find time to do though I am sure if you attend to your studies as you ought and I am persuaded you will do, your time will be almost entirely engrossed. Have you become acquainted with Breckenridge Hewey, a young gentleman, who lives in Lexington and was a student last fall, if so please present our respects to him and ask him to make our respects to his mother and sister, (his sister is quite a pretty girl and if you get acquainted with her you will think so too) and when you write us send us word how the old lady and family is. Now dear William I must close this long and I fear uninteresting letter, but what I have said in it has been said from good motives, and if in the course of your life which I hope may be long and useful, I have said anything that shall be for good my purpose has been fully answered. We all join in love to you and believe me

Your affectionate friend,

S. M. WOODWARD.

Why Do The Heathen Rage?

(Renegades' Paradise oft called Baltimore Md., July 24, 1903.)

Editor of The SPECTATOR:

The "renegade" Confederates and mercenaries from the South so numerous in Baltimore, have by voting with the negro and truckling to him for his vote, made him what he is in this city and vastly increased his numbers. One of the "renegade" class, late mayor of Baltimore, took the School Board as he did other boards "out of politics" by placing it in control of his own henchmen, who are "renegades" to the South, uniting with them similiar specimens from the Republican ranks. This school board in order to lower the white children of this city to their level, imported Van Sickle a minor superintendent of schools in a place like Denver Col., where the whites and negroes sit together in the same school room, and made him superintendent of schools in this former southern city. From such a school board, a monument to such a mayor, with such a superintendent of schoools, can the whites of this city expect any thing different from what they are now kicking about in the columne of some of the Baltimore newspapers or have they any right to kick when they are stupid enough to vote for these so-called Independent or Reformers who gave them this school board, and who in conjunction with their kind elsewhere are responsible for Roosevelt being President and for all the ills resulting therefrom?

Yours truly, F. D.

A grain of sand in the eye can cause excruciating agony. A grain of pepper in place of a grain of sand intensifies the torment. The pain is not confined to the organs affected. The whole body feels the shock of that little irritating particle. It is so when there is any derangement or disorder of the delicate womanly organs. The disorder may seem trivial, but the whole body feels it. The nervous system is disordered. There are fretfullness, irritability, sullenness and depression of spirits The general health of woman depends on the local health of the organs peculiarly feminine. Remove the drains, ulcerations, bearing down pains, and other afflictions of woman, and the whole body feels the benefit. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a specific for the diseases that undermine the strength of women. It is free from opium, cocaine and other narcotics, poisons which enter into many other preparations for woman's use. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

It Hit Him.

A man and a woman entered the crowded car at the same time.

A young man rose to give the woman his seat.

The other man dropped into it immediately.

"Thank you, sir," said the woman to the young man who had risen.

And somehow those three words seemed to make the situation uncomfortable for the hog, for he straightway got up and went to the front platform to smoke.—Chicago Evening Post.

The Death Penalty.

A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best Salve on earth and will prevent fatality, when burns, sores, ulcers and piles threaten. Only 25c at B. F. Hughes drug store.

Promptly Adopted.

"You want me to suggest a name for your baby, do you?"

"Yes; for both of them."

"What! Twins?"

"Yes."

"Gee!"

"Good idea! I'll name the other one Whiz."—Chicago Tribune.

End of a Bitter Fight

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abcess on my right lung" writes J. F. Hughes of Du Pont, Ga., "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. The benefit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regained my health." It onquers all coughs, colds and throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed by B. F. Hughes, druggist. Price 50c and $1. Trial bottles free.

The Virginia Building at St. Louis.

Subscriptions for the Virginia Building at St. Louis will be gratefully received by the State Commission at Richmond, through the editor of this paper, and will be duly acknowledged and forwarded to Hon. G. W. Koiner, president of the Virginia Commission, at Richmond.

Wedded to Art.

"You are my picture!" cried the romantic young man in the big black windsor.

"Then I am your art?" whispered the beautiful girl.

"Yes—yes!"

"Well, don't you think it would be nice to be weeded to your art?"—Chicago News.

PRIZES FOR ODD FELLOWS.

Trophies to be Competed for at Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The Executive Committee in charge of the arrangements for the entertainment of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at the Grand Conclave of the order, to be held in Baltimore next September, has received a letter from the Metropolitan Degree Staff, of Indianapolis, to the effect that the entire staff will attend the conclave and asking permission to confer degrees, at the time of the writing the Degree Master of the staff, Mr. Frank Van Sickle, was not aware that the committee will offer handsome silver prizes for the conferring of degrees. These prizes will be ten in number, as follows:

Subordinate Lodge Degrees—initiatory degree, degree of friendship, degree of brotherly love and degree of truth.

Encampment Branch—Patriarchical degree, golden rule degree and royal purple degree.

Rebekah Branch—Rebekah degree.

The committee has also offered prizes for competitive drills of Cantons of the Patriarchs Militant as follows:

Class A—Minimum Cantons, 24 Chevaliers, 3 Officers.—First cash prize, for best drilled Canton, $500; second cash prize, for next best drilled Canton, $250; third cash prize, for next best drilled Canton, $150.

Class B—Minimum Canton, 18 Chevaliers, 3 Officers.—First cash prize, for best drilled Canton, $150; second cash prize, for next best drilled Canton, $100; third cash prize, for next best drilled Canton, $50.

Militant Degree—For Examination of Degree.—First cash prize, for exemplification, $100; second cash prize, for exemplification, $75; third cash prize, for exemplification, $50.—Baltimore Sun.

New Duties of Circuit Clerk.

After February 1st, 1904, under the new court system the admission to probate of wills will be taken out of the hands of the judge and will be vested in the Clerk of the new Circuit Court, who will have authority day by day to admit wills to probate, appoint and quality executors, administrators, guardians, curators, and committees and require and take from them the necessary bonds, in the same manner, and with like effect, as the court could do were it in sesion. Such powers may be exercised as well during the sessions of the court as at other times.

The right of appeal to the Court, from any decision of the Clerk is reserved.

Suicide Prevented

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nervine will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great stomach, liver and kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by B. F. Hughes, druggist.

The August Cosmopolitan has been received from its editor in Irvington, N. Y., and offers many attractive features. The way to win a Woman" and "The Tragedy of 'Policy' in New York" are the most prominent among its interesting articles. "Shakepeare in modern Setting" is well illustrated, as is "Dramatic Schools." In Romances of the World's great Mines," thrilling experiences in the Klondike are given. Five exceptionally good stories, with Merriman's serial, make this truly a fiction number.

Didn't Play.

Bellows—"Does your daughter play on the piano?"

Old Farmer (in tones of deep disgust)—"No sir. She works on it, pounds on it, rakes it, scrapes it, jumps on it and rolls over on it; but there's no play about it, sir."—Tit-Bits.

Invested.

Wife—You know, dear, you told me to invest that money so that I'd have something for a rainy day.

Husband—Yes.

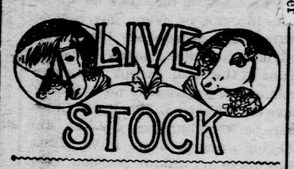
Wife—Well, here's the investment. Did you ever see a lovelier rainy-day skirt in your life?—Philadelphia Press.

Didn't Pan Out.

Miss Towney (in search of the idyllic, at last meets a real, live shepherd)—Pray, tell me, gentle shepherd, where is thy pipe?

The Gentle Shepherd—I left it at come, mum, 'cause I ain't got no baccy.—Tit-Bits.

Dyspepsia is most distressing in its effects. The wost cases on record have been cured by Victor Liver Syrup. Your druggist has it.



HANGER FOR A KETTLE.

Should Be Made of Strong Material and Put Up Firmly and with Considerable Care.

An exceedingly simple yet convenient hanger for a kettle is shown. Let a represent a post 4x36 inches; b a piece 3x4 edgewise, with three-quarter-inch bolt through it and the post, so b can turn easily; c is a small iron loop-like rod on wagon end gate, so

SWING FOR HANDLING KETTLE.

chain can turn easily; d is a chain running from c to e, which is a one-half-inch hook for hanging chain. On the other hook e, at other end of rod, b, hang the kettle. This arrangement allows the kettle to be swung off the fire easily at any moment, and without legs or anything under the kettle to interfere with building a fire. Such a hanger is easy to make, but should be made of only good, strong material and put up substantial and firm.—E. C. Beergisser, in Farm and Home.

THE AGE OF A HORSE.

An Old New York Horseman's Advice as How Not to Make a Mistake About It.

"The groom that came to Chester with Old Abdallah, the sire of Hambletonian, 55 years ago," said a veteran Orange county horseman to a New York Sun reporter, "told me how to tell the age of a horse, and it has run in my head ever since. This is the way it ran," and he repeated the following rhyme:

To tell the age of any horse,
Inspect the lower jaw, of course.
The six front teeth the tale will tell,
And every doubt and fear dispel.

The middle "nippers" you behold
Before the colt is two weeks old;
Before eight weeks two more will come;
Eight months, the "corners" cut the gum.

The outside grooves will disappear
From middle two in just one year;
In two years from the second pair;
In three the "corners," too, are bare.

At two, the middle "nippers" drop;
At three, the second pair can't stop;
When four years old, the third pair goes;
At five, a full new set he shows.

The deep black spots will pass from view.
At six years from the middle two;
The second pair at seven years;
At eight, the spot each "corner" clears.

From middle "nippers" upper jaw,
At nine the black spots will withdraw,
The second pair at ten are white;
Eleven finds the corners light.

As time goes on the horsemen know
The oval teeth three-sided grow;
They longer get, project before
Till twenty, when we know no more.

Flavor Depends on Food.

The food animals consume modifies the character of their flesh. Turnips yield a peculiar flavor to mutton. The flavor of mutton from sheep that have lived upon the highland is different from that of sheep which have obtained their food chiefly from the lowlands. The garlic of the meadows and some fragrant herbs modify the flavor of the meat. Oily food tends to make the fat soft. Hens partly fed on scraps of decayed meat yield eggs that are at once unpleasant to the taste and unhealthy. Feeding the animals for human food is then of great importance and demands experience. It is not enough that food makes fat—it should also impart an agreeable flavor.

Sore Shoulders of Horses.

Heavy work season of the farm always occasions galled or sore shoulders on work horses. Here is a simple and cheap way to prevent this: Take an ordinary sweat pad and cover the surface next to the shoulder with white soft oilcloth. Be very careful to have it put on very smooth, without any wrinkles or lumps on its surface. The cover is put on by neatly sewing it with strong thread, so that it will not become displaced. The trouble with the horse's shoulders in this respect is caused by sweating, and as the oilcloth presents a cool, dry surface and does not hold the dampness as leather or cloth does, it prevents the shoulders from becoming sore in almost every instance.—Midland Farmer.

Dogs That Need Shooting.

The greatest enemy of the shepherd is the good for nothing, low, down, measly, yaller dog, belonging to a no 'count, shiftless, good-for-nothing neighbor. For various reasons, political and otherwise, stringent laws regulating the sheep-killing dog are difficult of enactment. The remedy is simple: Shoot the dog and buy more sheep. Most sheep men dislike neighborly ructions and rather than fight it out with the "no accounts" they give up the business, and that's one reason why the sheep business has fallen in this country. What isn't worth fighting for isn't worth having. — Rural World.

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