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Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court is from Kansas. A short time ago he went back to his home state and took Mrs. Brewer with him. Mrs. Brewer is from the east and had never been in the west. After they crossed the Mississippi river people who knew the justice called him "judge". Mrs. Brewer gasped, being accustomed to the more dignified title of "justice". When they got to Leavenworth she was still more surprised to find that everybody hailed the justice as "Dave". She rebelled at first, but finally thought the plan a good one and now she calls him "Dave" herself.

Erastus Wiman, once called "the king of Staten island", is now a hopeless paralytic, nearly 70 years old and poverty stricken. Formerly he was a promoter of great schemes, with such an influential backer as the late Robert Garrett, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Mr. Wiman a little over ten years ago was in receipt of an income of nearly \$100,000 a year and was interested with Mr. Garrett in making Staten island a great terminus for the Baltimore and Ohio road. The schemes might have succeeded had Mr. Garrett lived, but his death caused Mr. Wiman's bankruptcy. Last week the sale of the latter's household effects was completed. The proceeds from the sale amounted to only \$1,200.

All the good sermons do not come from the pulpit. Very often they come from the bench, and one of the best that has emanated from this source recently was delivered last week by Judge W. H. McHenry, of Des Moines. The prisoner before him was charged with inebriety. He was young, and out of pure pity the court asked him if he would strive to mend his ways if sentence was suspended. The lad smiled and made a flippant answer, where upon the court, in passing judgment, delivered the following four column sermon, bunched up into a few lines: "God Almighty Himself can't do anything for you if you won't help yourself. If a man's bound to go to the devil, he'll go, and it's a question with me if it isn't better to let him go as fast as he can, for the sooner the world is rid of him, the better."—Waverly Democrat.

Money Makes Worthless Children. An attorney who does a large business in the settlement of estates was relating an incident the other day which is by no means an isolated case, and which shows how vain it is often times for parents to toil and economize, in order to pile up fortunes to give to their children. "Just seven years ago," said this man, "I made the final settlement of one of the largest estates in my county. The deceased, who had survived his wife, had long been one of the prominent farmers of the county. He had been a pioneer; he had worked early and late year after year, and so did his wife. They had quite a large family and it was the ambition of the parents to leave each of their children a good farm, and they realized their ambition, though a number of the children refused to take the farms. They preferred the money and a chance to get in some sort of business in a city or town. Seven years ago each one of these children, boys and girls alike, were in possession of a modest fortune. Today, with a single exception, they are practically bankrupt. With one exception, the possessions of all of them put together would not buy a good sized garden patch, and a worn out horse to work it. It cannot be said that it was the fault of their training, for they were all trained to work, and yet somehow or other none of them seemed to know the value of a dollar. They had done little or nothing on their own initiative, and that perhaps was the cause of their not being able to take care of what was left them."

As we said before, this case is typical. The way to teach the average individual the value of money is to have him work for it on his own account. A man who recently died in St. Louis, leaving a large fortune has put his only son to a test that has much to commend it. He has provided that the young man must go to work and for a period of years, save out of his earnings, at least ten dollars a month, which he must deposit regularly. The matter is so safe-guarded that it will be impossible for the boy to have somebody advance him his savings and thus make good that way.

Fewer young men and young women would grow up useless to themselves and their communities, if parents would only have common sense enough not to be forever trying to shield their children from all the trials and hardships which they had to endure. The individual that is not taught self-reliance and who does not learn the value of money by having to earn it, usually makes sad work of accumulated store that is handed to him on the death of a parent. There are exceptions of course to this rule, but there is not a community anywhere that cannot point out instance after instance in line with the one related by the attorney quoted above.—Cedar Rapids Rep.

Sowing Seed. You never can tell when you do an act, just what the result will be; but with every deed you are sowing a seed. Each kindly act is an acorn dropped in God's productive soil. Though you may not know, yet the tree shall grow. And scatter the seeds that fall. You never can tell what your thoughts will do in bringing you hate or love. For thoughts are things and airy wings flutter after the law of the universe. Each thing must create its kind. An they spread or be struck to bring you back. Whatever went out from your mind—selected.

Home Folks. Oh little, with you home folks you've won my heart entire; I wander with them by the creek, I join them at the fire. They do not shame my shyness with any words they show; The plain folks, the kind folks that you have made me know. I met them and spoke them when I was but a boy; But never saw the pure gold, only the alloy. For I was keen to take the road that led toward Beyond the range of purple hills to where the sky came down. There were the great folk, the powerful, the we were but the toiling hands, they the watch-dogs.

The town's ways were strange ways, ungodly and unkind; Grace they had but not the grace of them I left behind. Forgive I bide among them and make their way my own; And in their work am one of them, but in my heart—alone. House have I and wife have I and babes to bear my name; I think I like my father's house, but it is not the same. A hunger, deep, unsatisfied, is urging me to roam; The long road, the lost road, the end of which is home. The old home, the old scene—I long for them in my heart; The dear hearts, the true hearts I shall not meet again. But sometimes, with your folks, I glimpse an oasis; And love them as I never knew I loved them; Frank Putnam, in the National Magazine for January.

Catalpa is a Forest Wonder. How a forest of extremely valuable timber may be grown in a score of years and make a source of profit within six or eight years will be demonstrated in an interesting exhibit at the World's Fair. This exhibit will be made under the auspices of the International Society of Arboriculture. John P. Brown, secretary and treasurer of the association, has consulted with the chiefs of departments at the World's Fair and has made all arrangements. This particular variety of the catalpa tree, known as Speciosa, will be the basis for this exhibit and the great value and adaptability of the wood will be shown in all forms. The catalpa is indigenous to the Washab bottom lands in Illinois and Indiana, but may be grown in any section of the United States. The tree is known nearly everywhere, but its great value is just beginning to be understood. Nearly every boy knows the tree because of the long and slender seed pods, which when dried burn much like tobacco, and is often known as the 'lady cigars.' It is the worth of the timber, and its marvellously quick growth, that is designed to solve the problem of future railroad building and furnish a supply of lumber for all purposes. In the World's Fair exhibit a section of railroad will be built showing the adaptability of catalpa timber for ties. Old ties, that have been in use for thirty-two years and not yet showing any signs of decay, will be shown. When it is shown that the average life of an oak tie is seven years the catalpa's value on this line is demonstrated. There will be telegraph and telephone poles that have been in use as long, and fence posts will be exhibited that can be proved to have been in use for 100 years.

Not alone for these purposes is the wood of the catalpa valued. A prominent Dayton, Ohio, car building plant will exhibit a section of a palace car, all of the timbers of which, inside wood out, are of catalpa wood. The wood possesses all the requirements of such work, being strong and susceptible to a fine finish. After it has been placed in the finish of a palace car is often mistaken for oak, chestnut or cherry. Furniture factories will also exhibit fine chairs, desks and other furniture made from this wood.

The Arboriculture society's exhibit will not stop with showing the varied uses to which the lumber from the catalpa forests may be put, but it will show catalpa may be grown anywhere within a very few years. The seed is planted in good, rich garden soil, and in a short time they spring up. The young shoots should be transplanted within a year, for the roots reach out in every direction, and the best results are obtained from early transplanting. The trees should set out in spaces of 8 feet in either direction. The growth is exceedingly rapid, being uniformly 1 inch in diameter for each year. At the end of the sixth year the trees have attained a diameter of 6 inches. Then it is best for the trees to thin them out, cutting down each alternate row, and then each alternate tree in the rows that remain. This leaves the trees standing 16 feet apart.

The trees that are cut may be used for posts, and then the forest yields a fair return during the thinning process. "Pole ties" from oak trees are practically valueless, because of the sap in the latter's year's growth of the tree. The wood that contains the sap soon decays and this contaminates the rest of the timber. There is practically no sap in the catalpa, and "pole ties" from this wood last an indefinite number of years. After the thinning-out process the

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