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THE TEST.

The principal of a school in which boys were prepared for college one day received a message from a lawyer living in the same town, requesting him to call at his office, as he wished to have a talk with him.

Arrived at the office, the lawyer stated that he had in his gift a scholarship entitling a boy to four years' course in a certain college, and that he wished to bestow it where it would be best used.

"Therefore," he continued, "I have concluded to let you decide which boy of your school most deserves it."

"That is a hard question to decide," replied the teacher, thoughtfully.

"Two of my pupils, Charles Hart and Henry Strong, will complete the course of study in my school this year. Both desire a collegiate education, and neither is able to obtain it without assistance. They are so nearly equal that I cannot tell which is the better scholar."

"How is it as to department?" asked the lawyer.

"One boy does not more scrupulously observe all the rules of the school than the other," was the answer.

"Well," said the lawyer, "if at the end of the year one boy has not gone ahead of the other, send them to me, and I will decide between them."

As before, at the closing examinations the boys stood equal in attainments. They were directed to call at the lawyer's office, no information being given as the object of the visit.

Two intelligent, well-bred boys they seemed; and the lawyer was beginning to wonder greatly how he should make a decision between them. Just then the door opened, and an elderly lady of peculiar appearance entered. She was well known to them all as being of unsettled mind and possessed of the idea that she had been deprived of a large fortune which was justly hers.

As a consequence, she was in the habit of visiting lawyers' offices, carrying in her hands a package of papers which she wished to be examined. She was a familiar visitor to this office, where she was always received with respect, and dismissed with kindly promises of help.

This morning, seeing that the lawyer was already occupied with others, she seated herself to await his leisure. Unfortunately, the chair she selected was broken, and had been set aside as useless.

The result was that she fell in a rather awkward manner, scattering her papers about the floor. The lawyer looked with a quick eye at the boys, before moving himself, to see what they could do.

Charles Hart, after an amused survey of the fall, turned aside to hide a laugh he could not control.

Henry Strong sprang to the woman's side and lifted her to her feet. Then carefully gathering up her papers, he politely handed them to her. Her profuse and rambling thanks served only to increase Charles' amusement.

After the lady had told her customary story to which the lawyer listened with every appearance of attention, he escorted her to the door and she departed.

Then he returned to the boys; and, after expressing pleasure at having formed their acquaintance, he dismissed them. The next day the teacher was informed of the occurrence, and told that the scholarship would be given to Henry Strong, with the remark, "No one so well deserves to be fitted for a position of honor and influence as he who feels it his duty to help the humblest and lowliest."—The Christian Work.

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Senator William E. Mason in a speech at the banquet of the Illinois Camp of the Sons of Veterans at Chicago declared that he "stood behind George Dewey from the time he opened his first guns to the time he opened his lips to speak and I stand behind him today. And I stand behind Admiral George Dewey for the next president of the United States."

The nomination was received in silence and the embarrassed Senator was forced to take his seat without a cheer or handclap.

One on Senator Daniel.

The Washington Post is authority for the following: Senators Daniel and Martin of Virginia were chatting in the Riggs House, just before going out to attend the President's dinner to Admiral Dewey, when a well-groomed and exceedingly youthful looking man came briskly along the corridor. There was something about the young man that attracted attention. His erect figure, faultlessly clad in black, his alert step, his finely poised head, his clean-cut features and bright eyes made him an object of general attention. Senator Daniel observed him instantly.

"There is a fine looking young fellow, Tom," said Senator Daniel, pointing the youthful looking man out to his colleague.

"He's handsome enough to be a Virginian. I suppose he's going out to call on some lovely girl this evening, and he looks as happy as if he were going to dine at the White House with the President and Admiral Dewey."

At that moment the young man with the clean shaven, youthful face turned sharply around, as if conscious that he was being talked about, and fixed his eyes intently upon the Virginia Senators. Then, with an air of recognition, he advanced toward them, and extending a gloved hand to Senator Daniel, said:

"Pardon me; but is this Senator Daniel?"

"Your obedient servant!" replied the Virginia Senator, bowing graciously and grasping the young man's hand. "I am very glad to see you, sir. Very glad, indeed, sir. We were just talking about you, my young friend," continued Senator Daniel, still holding the young man's hand, and patting him cordially on the shoulder. "And I told my friend, Senator Martin, that I knew you were a Virginian, sir, the moment I saw you, sir. Have you met Senator Martin? No? Then permit me, sir, Senator Martin I want to introduce to you my young friend from—"

Senator Daniel paused, a trifle embarrassed. The youthful looking man began to get red in the face.

"You must forgive me, my dear fellow. I recall your face distinctly, and I remember especially the last time we met in Richmond, but your name for the moment escapes me. No, don't tell me," said Senator Daniel, raising his hand deprecatingly. "I will place you in a second. Now let me see. Oh, yes, I remember now. I remember you well, my dear fellow. You are the nephew of my dear old honored friend and comrade, Colonel—"

"Pardon me, Senator Daniel," broke in the young man, blushing up to the whites of his eyes. "You are mistaken. I am sorry to say that I have never had the pleasure of seeing you until a moment ago. But I have often heard of you, and seen your likeness in the papers. I have always wished to know you, and I have taken the great liberty of introducing myself to you tonight; I am Senator Beveridge of Indiana."

Millions of dollars, is the value placed by Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., on the life of her child, which she saved from croup by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. It cures all coughs, colds, and throat and lung troubles. W. Richardson.

THE ADVANTAGE.—"I had more money than he had to carry on the suit," said a very mean individual who had just won a law suit over a poor neighbor, "and that's where I had the advantage of him. Then I had much better counsel than he, and there I had the advantage of him. And his family were sick while the suit was pending, so he couldn't attend to it, and there I had the advantage of him again. But then Brown is a very decent sort of a man, after all."

"Yes," said his listener, "and there's where he had the advantage of you."

Eat plenty, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will digest what you eat. It cures all forms of dyspepsia and stomach troubles. E. R. Gamble, Vernon, Tex., says, "It relieved me from the start and cured me. It is now my everlasting friend." W. Richardson.

Hugh Warwick, a negro, 18 years old, has been arrested and lodged in the county jail at Lexington, charged with attempted criminal assault on Lucy Creasy, a thirteen-year old white child, of near Buffalo Creek.

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Richard Croker has declared that ex-Senator Edward Murphy is the State leader of the democratic party of New York and that he voted in favor of the resolution adopted by the State committee endorsing Wm. Jennings Bryan. He also said: "I like Mr. Bryan. I always have. The first time I saw him I thought he was a nice young man, and I have never changed that view of him."

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Independent Contemporaries.

We said the other day that the press of Virginia was never more independent, never more defiant of the political machine than it is today. We repeat that assertion, having just finished reading the weekly papers of the current issue.

The Brunswick Gazette reminds the political bosses that "there are some things higher and holier than so-called party regularity."

The Louisa News, which was one of the most ardent advocates of the doctrines of the Chicago platform in 1896, says "the people should pass judgment of disapproval upon any so-called Democratic organization that does not duly and truly carry out their will." "Every sort of stuff," it adds, "is not Democracy." In short, the Louisa News is now fighting the machine.

The Staunton Daily News boasts that it wears no party's collar, and calls attention to the interesting fact that its neighbor, the Staunton Argus, which in 1896 denounced bolting, is now encouraging the bolters in Augusta county, if it has not indeed become the bolter's organ.

The Fredericksburg Free Lance, one of the ablest and most progressive newspapers in Virginia, makes bold the opinion that the great need in Virginia today is a respectable minority party.

The South Boston News says that there is no interest whatever among the people of Halifax in the campaign that is now going on. The reason for this indifference, it says, is that the people have been thoroughly disgusted with machine methods, by which the voice of the people is stifled.—Richmond Times.

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Think Before You Strike.

"When I was young, and lived up in the mountains of New Hampshire, I worked for a farmer, and was given a span of horses to plow with, one of which was a four-year-old colt. The colt, after walking a few steps, would lie down in the furrow. The farmer was provoked, and told me to sit on the colt's head, to keep him from rising while he whipped him to break him of that notion," he said. But just then a neighbor came by. He said, "There's something wrong here; let him get up and let us find out what is the matter." He patted the colt, looked at his harness, and then said, "Look at his collar; it is so long and narrow, and carries the harness so high, that when he begins to pull it slips back and chokes him, so that he can't breathe." And so it was; and but for that neighbor we should have whipped as good a creature as we had on the farm, because he lay down when he could not breathe."

Boys, always remember that all animals are dumb, and can not make their wants known. Think before you strike any creature that cannot speak.—The Children's Friend.

"If you scour the world you will never find a remedy equal to One Minute Cough Cure," says Editor Fowler, of the Micanopy, Fla., "Hustler." It cured his family of LaGrippe and saves thousands from pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all throat and lung troubles. W. Richardson.

THE POLICY OF THE STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE WAS DEFINITELY OUTLINED BY Chairman Ellyson, who stated that the committee was prepared to send speakers into the field wherever republicans or independent opposition was manifested against the regular democratic nominee, but that there would be no general canvass of the State, and that no unnecessary speaking would be indulged in.

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The "Plover Preacher," Rev. J. Kirkman, Belle River, Ill., says, "After suffering from bronchial or lung trouble for ten years, I was cured by One Minute Cough Cure. It is all that is claimed for it and more." It cures cough, colds, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. W. Richardson.

The reshoeing of horses in winter is made unnecessary by the use of a new shoe attachment, comprising a pair of curved calk-bars, with lugs on the upper side to engage the edge of the shoe, a screw with reversely threaded ends being used to spread the bars apart until the lugs grip the shoe tightly.

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The Vogue of Red.

Red in all the shades from brilliant scarlet to deepest wine color, will be much used this winter, not only in garnitures, but for entire frocks. The automobile tint is much seen in the shops now, but as it's a most trying color to wear its popularity will probably not be so great as that of other but less new shades.

The milliner is employing red to an enormous extent in fall headwear. One hat shown combined many of these tints that might have clashed had they been arranged by less skillful hands, but as it was the result was very charming.

For street gowns the deeper tones will, of course, be most used, and some of the camel's hair and broadcloths are of dark, rich shades that would tempt a feminine hermit to forswear her predilection for sackcloth and buy a frock of the sort herself.

Red suede is used in quantities to form the collar and cuffs of hunting costumes, and also for piping on skirts and coats. The skins used for gloves are shown in the ox-blood shade, which is a particularly fetching one. Red gloves are, however, avoided by smart women just as bright green and blue and purple ones are.

The vogue that red stockings are enjoying now has been commented on before, and red slippers, quaint and high-heeled, are as fascinating as possible, either on a small foot or seen in shop windows. If the girl with a large foot knows how to dress, however, she will not wear red shoes, but even she can invest in black slippers, which have a coquettish scarlet rosette on the toe, and are perfect dreams of beauty.

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President King, Farmer's Bank, Brooklyn, Mich., has used DeWitt's Little Early Risers in his family for years. Says they are the best. These famous little pills cure constipation, biliousness, and all liver and bowel troubles.—W. Richardson.

ONE WIFE SURELY ENOUGH. Margherita Arlena Hamm, the well known traveler and author, called when in China, upon the wife or rather the wives of a great Mandarin. Her visit partook of the nature of a festival, so novel was the experience to the Chinese women, whose lives are passed almost entirely within the walls of their yamen. They examined her clothing, and were partly pleased and partly astonished at it. They were shocked by her shoes and especially by the fact that her feet were not confined by bindings.

Finally one of them said, through the interpreter, "You can walk and run just as well as a man?"

"Why, certainly."

"Can you ride a pony as well as a man?"

"Of course."

"Then you must be as strong as most men."

"Yes, I think I am."

"You wouldn't let a man beat you, not even your husband, would you?"

"Not at all."

The Chinese women paused, laughed, and then said: "Now I understand why foreigners never take more than one wife. They are afraid to!"—Philadelphia Post.

"When our boys were almost dead from whooping cough, our doctor gave One Minute Cure. They recovered rapidly," writes P. B. Belles, Argyle, Pa. It cures coughs, colds, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. W. Richardson.

Dewey's visit to his old home in Vermont has aroused the greatest enthusiasm among the people, and it is said the politicians in that State, big and little, are enthusiastic over the notion of presenting Dewey's name to the next Republican national convention. There are many people who believe that whichever party nominates Dewey on a Dewey platform will sweep the country.

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Kindness Rewarded.

One day a lady who was riding in a coach, saw a lad on the road barefooted and seemingly very foot-sore. She asked the coachman to take him up, and said she would pay for him. When the coach reached the end of its journey, the kind lady found that the poor lad was bound for the nearest seaport, to offer himself as a sailor.

Twenty years afterwards, on the same road, a sea captain who was on a coach saw an old lady walking wearily along, and he made the coachman pull up his horses. He put the lady inside, saying, "I will pay for her."

When they next changed horses the old lady thanked the captain; "For," said she, "I am too poor to pay for a ride now."

The captain told her that he always felt for those who had to walk as she had been doing; and said, "I remember, twenty years ago, near this very place, I was a poor lad walking along the road, and a kind lady paid for me to ride."

"Ah," said she, "I am that lady! But things have changed, and I am now a poor woman."

"Well," said the captain, "God has blessed my labor so that I can live well and help others beside. I will allow you twenty-five pounds a year as long as you live."

The old lady burst into tears, and gratefully accepted the sailor's offer.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days."—Selected.

"It did me more good than anything I ever used. My dyspepsia was of months standing; after eating it was terrible. Now I am well," writes S. B. Keener, Holington, Kas., of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat. W. Richardson.

HE BELIEVED IN PROTECTION.—A colored man was arraigned before a magistrate charged with carrying deadly weapons. A razor was found in the defendant's pocket, and so, when he was brought to the bar of justice, the case against him seemed pretty strong. To the surprise of the judge and everyone else in the courtroom he pleaded "not guilty."

"How can you account for the razor being found in your possession?"

The defendant grinned and said: "I'll try an 'splain dat, judge."

"I'd like to hear you," said the judge. "Did anyone threaten your life?"

"No, sah, dey warn't nobody t'reat-'nin' mah life, sah."

"Then why did you carry it?"

"I done toted hit roun', sah, for purteeshun, sah."

"For protection, eh? Why, you just admitted that your life was in no danger."

"Yo' doan' un'erstan' me, judge; I'll try an' lucidate tings, sah. Down ter te house whar I se a-board-'in', sah, dey is a powahful lot of low-down coons, w'at jes' wouldn't stop at takin' tings w'at doan' b'long ter dem, so I jes' put hit in mah pocket fur purteeshun, sah—purteeshun ob de razah, sah."

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