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Uneasy Lies The Head That Wears The Russian Crown.

Courier-Journal:

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" has been quoted so often that it has become trite. But if ever there was instance to demonstrate its truth, it is found in the case of the Czar of Russia.

He is made miserable by the constant weakening and defeating of his forces in war.

He is displeased at the thought of having soon to ask for terms from an enemy whom he belittled and scorned.

He is surrounded by kinsmen who demand that he yield to the people of his empire not a jot of the imperial power that has come to him from his ancestors.

He is called upon by the people to give them greater liberty.

He is threatened by his kinsmen and reactionary Ministers if he grants concessions of moment.

He is besought by his Liberal Ministers to declare a more benevolent policy, and is threatened by the people if he refuses.

He is urged by many influential people to end the war.

He is told by other influential men to fight until Japan is whipped.

He is in daily fear of a bomb.

He is kept practically a prisoner in his castle.

He is never sure when he sits down to a meal that poison has not been administered.

He is afraid to allow his children of his family out of doors for fear of assassination.

He is suspicious of nearly everybody.

He does not know when treachery will assert itself in his household.

He passes sleepless nights, his rest being driven away by his cares and worries.

The world will never know how keen has been the mental suffering of this sovereign, for these besetting anxieties have not been of a day's duration only, but of months. That he is able to bear up under the burden is a matter of wonder.

Plainly there is no one on the face of the globe more miserable than this royal personage. And yet, such is human nature, there are few men who would not gladly exchange happiness and obscurity for his anguish and power.

Like Finding Money.

Finding health is like finding money—so think those who are sick. When you have a cough, cold, sore throat, or chest irritation, better act promptly like W. C. Barber, of Sandy Level, Va. He says: "I had a terrible chest trouble, caused by smoke and coal dust on my lungs; but, after finding no relief in other remedies, I was cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds." Greatest sale of any cough or lung medicine in the world. At T. E. Paull's drug store; 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

This is a hurrying age, as we often remind ourselves; and many tasks which we would like to accomplish must perforce remain unattended to. But for some things there is always time. Duty can always be done; kindness can always be shown; wayside ministrations need not be neglected; private devotions are always possible. There is never an excuse for the haste that makes waste; there is always room, in the case of the man, who, with divine help, plans his life, for a certain amount of self-culture and social ministry.—New York Observer.

At the barber shop where we go every day to be shaved a funny paper is taken. We have read it five years and haven't laughed yet.

Got off Cheap.

He may well think, he has got off cheap, who, after having contracted constipation or indigestion, is still able to perfectly restore his health. Nothing will do this but Dr. King's New Life Pills. A quick, pleasant, and certain cure for headache, constipation, etc. 25c at T. E. Paull's drug store; guaranteed.

Cheap Methods Do Not Pay.

In a recent issue of the Kansas Farmer the school question was discussed, stress being laid on the need of securing competent teachers and paying them fair wages. It says:

Elect school officers who know the difference between schoolkeepers and schoolteachers, and who are built that they will do as well as they know, and if they feel that they are not competent to decide some school questions will consult those who are and follow the advice they get.

Pay better wages for teachers. So long as rural schools will pay no more for teachers than for hired help on the farm it cannot be expected that the brightest and best of young men and women will remain as teachers in rural schools. So long as the policy of "hiring the cheapest" is pursued the rural schools will have to put up with novices and the incompetent.

Stand by the county school commissioners and examiners in maintaining a good standard for teachers and schools.

Get rid of the noxious notion that the schools are instituted for the sake of giving somebody a job.

Engage good teachers for the year, or for two years, and don't let some town school get such teachers away from you for \$2.50 or \$5 or so a month increase.

Stand by the teachers loyally in discipline, management, supplying necessary equipments etc. Drum the chronic kicker out of the district or drum so loudly for your teachers that the kicker's tin horn and rattle sound supremely silly.

Get over the notion that anybody can teach the little folks.

Let the rural patron be imbued with the idea that nothing is too good for the rural school.

Any district can have as good a school as it is willing and able to pay for and support.

Finally let the grange exert its mighty influence in building up a good school sentiment. Select the right kind of officers. Insist on the right kind of teachers. Money is worse than wasted that is spent on a poor teacher. Let liberality, not extravagance, gauge expenses. Banish all nepotism and favoritism in the selection of teachers. Consider the child, not the "influence" of some patron, in the choice of the teacher. Visit the school. Encourage the teacher and pupil by your open interest. Make the school the chief center of attraction and power.

Attacked By a Mob.

and beaten in a labor riot, until covered with sores, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25c at T. E. Paull's drug store.

Cattle Sold.

Those who yielded in the temptation to market their cattle prematurely, or were forced to do so because they had no feed, undoubtedly lost money this year, says the Breeder's Gazette. The recent advance means a margin of profit and those who liquidated before the rise did not get it. Cattle put into feed lots last October, weighing around 1,000 pounds, are now being marketed, at 1,300 pounds and up, at \$4.9005.40, according to quality. These prices mean a reasonable margin for the feeder, whereas, when the same cattle were selling at \$4.4004.65 not long ago, when everybody seemed imbued with the same frantic desire to get to market on the same day, they did not pass out. Winter marketing of half-fat cattle has had no other effect logically than draining the supply of beef available for spring and early summer markets. Extreme optimists are predicting another half dollar rise within the next thirty days.

Some women think the only stamp of elegance necessary is to wear a trail.

Sunflower Philosophy.

In reform work it is very easy to demand too much.

It does not take any more time to be polite than disagreeable.

As a rule people do not take kindly to a man who wears gaiters.

If a boy is healthy, two minutes after he has reached home from school he is eating something.

Don't neglect work that is really important for reform work that doesn't amount to anything.

When a man gets sick the people talk of his ailments out boldly. Legs are legs, and kidneys are kidneys in talks about sickness.

It is the involuntary impulse of nine in ten, when picking up a postal card, to turn it over and see what is written on it.

When a caller comes the husband and wife each tells something the other thinks should have been kept a secret.

A man seems to put away important things that some day in the future he may get them out and wonder why he saved them.

Every one applauds when a housekeeper uses up old scraps, but when it is done at a boarding house that a roar follows.

If the years have done nothing else for a man they have changed his opinion of what constitutes a good time.

The Unstable Farmer.

The Louisville Times says the utility of organizing farmers to accomplish a purpose in agriculture has been demonstrated by the collapse of various schemes looking to that end. Almost all classes of wage earners, from locomotive engineers to messenger boys, respond readily to organizers. Capitalists experience no difficulty in "getting together," and in sticking together, for their mutual benefit and the discomfort of the consumer. Proprietors of many enterprises smaller than the interests which amalgamate to form the great trusts manage to hang together so as to present impenetrable front; but the men who till the soil lack cohesiveness. Ten days "out" to a wage earner in the city is a period of greater stress than ten days' waiting, or even thirty days' waiting, to the average farmer, yet the laborer holds out and the farmer, as a rule, does not. With an organization similar to that of the Typographical Union, or the United Mine Workers of America, American farmers would be a supreme power in product markets. The difficulty in organizing seems to lie in the fact that a large percentage of the farmers fail to recognize that there are class as well as individual interests to be considered.

Things Worth Thinking About.

Better be alone than in bad company. Character is success and there is no other

Be not simply good—be good for something.

To preserve credit—do not use it much.

Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage.

The persistence of an all-absorbing idea is terrible.

Young courage and old caution make a strong pair.

Self-reliance is one of the progenitors of greatness.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Where others quit is just where we get our second wind.

Let those falter who must and let those follow who dare.

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds. Responsibility walks hand in hand with capacity and power.

The great man is the man who does a thing for the first time.

Things don't turn up in this world unless somebody turns them up.

When a man is no longer anxious to do better than well, he is done for.

Applause is the spur of the noble minds; the end and aim of weak ones.

That cause is strong which has not a multitude but one strong man behind it.

The supreme demand for the hour is originality. The man who is wanted

everywhere is the one who can create something new, not imitate what some one else has done.

That man is great who can use the brains of others to carry on his work.

Circumstances are beyond the control of man, but his conduct is in his own power.

Cheerfulness, in most people, is the rich and satisfying result of strenuous discipline.

He who can take no interest in what is small, will take false interest in what is great.

That man is great who rises to the emergencies of the occasion and becomes master of the situation.

The first proof of a man's incapacity for anything is his endeavor to fix the stigma of failure upon others.

In things pertaining to enthusiasm, no man is sane who does not know to be insane on proper occasions.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.

The secret of many a man's success in the world resides in his insight into the moods of men, and his tact in dealing with them.

Adversity is sometimes hard upon a man; but for one man who can stand prosperity there are a hundred that will stand adversity.

The one fatal mistake which is committed habitually by people who have the scarcely desirable gift of half-genius, is "waiting for inspiration."

A man should never be ashamed to own that he was in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser to-day than he was yesterday.

It is not work that kills men, it is worry. Work is healthy; you can hardly put more upon a man than he can bear. Worry is rust upon the blade.

No snob ever grew into a great man. Everything in this world depends upon will.

Every man who can be a first-rate something—as every man can be who is a man at all—has no right to be a fifth-rate something; for a fifth-rate something is no better than a first-rate nothing.

Apologizing—a very desperate habit—one that is rarely cured. Apology is only egotism wrong side out. Nine times out of ten, the first thing a man's companion knows of his shortcomings is from his apology.

Great and small have the same accidents and the same vexations and the same passions; but one is at the circumference of the wheel, and the other near the center, and thus less agitated by the same movements.

Every man must educate himself. His books and teacher are but helps; the work is his. A man is not educated until he has the ability to summon, in an emergency, his mental powers in vigorous exercise to effect its proposed object.

Such help as we can give each other in this world is a debt to each other; and the man who perceives a superiority or a capacity in a subordinate, and neither confesses nor assists it, is not merely the withholder of kindness, but the committer of injury.

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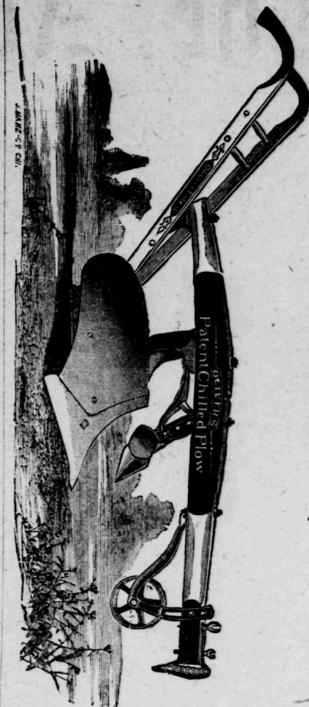
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