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BOYS WERE NOT PAMPERED

Spartan Simplicity the Keynote of Life in English Schools a Century Ago.

Coleridge's record of the meals at Christ's hospital in his school days gives a detailed picture of what was once thought good enough for growing boys: "Our diet was very scanty. Every morning a bit of dry bread, and some bad small beer. Every evening a larger piece of bread and cheese or butter, whichever we liked. For dinner—on Sundays, boiled beef and broth; Monday, bread and butter, and milk and water; Tuesday, roast mutton; Wednesday, bread and butter, and rice milk; Thursday, boiled beef and broth; Friday, boiled mutton and broth; Saturday, bread and butter and pease porridge. Our food was portioned, and excepting on Wednesdays I never had a bellful. Our appetites were damped, never satisfied, and we had no vegetables."

The hardships of life at Eton in the old days were aggravated by bullying which, in the words of one of the victims, sometimes amounted to "a reign of terrorism." Provost Okes of King's college, Cambridge, contributed the following story:

"In July, 1826, contemplating matrimony, I went to the University Life Insurance society for a policy. I went before the board—some sixteen men. 'You are a fellow of King's, I see, Mr. Okes, from your papers.' 'Yes, sir.' 'I infer, then, necessarily that you were at Eton and in college?' 'Yes, sir.' 'How long were you in college?' 'Eight years.' 'Where did you sleep?' 'In Long Chamber, sir.' 'All the time?' 'Yes, sir.' 'We needn't ask Mr. Okes any more questions.' And they did not." It meant, as the Provost said, "If you passed eight years in Long Chamber and are alive at 29, you are a fairly safe life."—London Daily Chronicle.

Heaven.
If there is a heaven the angels who do the work there probably never have to fret because the ones who sit around get the credit.

READING TO AVOID THINKING
It Almost Seems That Things Have Been Arranged to Bring About Just That Situation.

The danger of thinking has been reduced to a minimum. One sometimes feels that life has been arranged in sole regard to this. There are more ways to avoid thinking than there are to avoid everything else put together. Some people live to a good old age without having ever thought; some are overtaken and made to stand face to face with their thoughts during a long illness and convalescence. Flat on their backs, with nothing to do, they can hardly be blamed for thinking. Their cases are exceptional and thoughts at such a time are not to be laid up against them. If there is no other mode of escape from an introduction to one's mind they can always read. It is a method which has helped millions of people. There was a time when it seemed that during a voyage one was in danger of being left alone with one's self, but libraries were installed in ships, newsboys on trains, and so on, more we were rescued. Then the dozen little activities of daily life help so—bustling, sewing on buttons—one manages to put off the thing we think we do most of all until old age, and when that is reached we comfortably decide to postpone our thinking once again, as we will have more time in the next world.

Color Symbol in Moccasins.

The color symbolism of moccasins has puzzled the scientists not a little. The arbitrary establishment of symbols seems never to have contemplated any sort of universal color signification. Red in many tribes denotes life, man, bravery and the male child. Yellow indicates the sun, green the verdant earth and white the arid plains. The Pawnee medicine man wore black moccasins to denote wisdom and power.

Power of Small Vegetable.
Nature manifests her latent power in strange ways. Radishes which it was thought had all been uprooted are growing through the asphalt in the playground of St. George's schools, Northampton, England, the site of which was formerly a market garden, and it is feared they may injure the buildings themselves.

Another Hope Gone.
I was teaching a class of little girls, and one of them had the toothache. Naturally for a time the conversation turned to teeth. The little sufferer thought perhaps it was a wisdom tooth, but I explained that she would not have one till she was grown. "Well, does every one have wisdom teeth?" "Yes; why?" "I thought maybe if you didn't go to school very much they wouldn't grow!"—The Delicater.

Sensible View.
Highway Hans—I can't imagine why the country should have any national debt. What's the good of a mint if they can't make as much money as they want?—Simpleximus.

Real happiness.
Ex-President Elliot of Harvard once said that all that was necessary to happiness was good health, a clear conscience and a capacity for appreciation.

Smoking in Tibet.
Smokers in Tibet make a pipe in the floor, of two holes connected by an underground channel. In one hole is placed lighted tobacco, while a reed is stuck in the other, to keep the smoker from bending his back too much. Similar groundhog pipes have been used by prisoners the world over.

Suspicious Man.
When a woman insists that her husband shall not work at the office on Sundays he has a suspicion that it is not solicitude as much as it is a desire to get him to church.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

Women Help One Another.
There are between 21,000 and 23,000 wage-earning women in New York city alone who are combining for mutual aid with the college women. The alumnae work in the settlements and they are ready to help the woman who earns her own living in any way possible.

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Education.
Education is the training of a human being with a view to make him all he may become. The proper meaning of the word education is not a drawing out, but a training up, as vines are trained to lay hold of and rise by means of what is stronger than themselves.—Spalding.

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Celebrating His Death.
U. B. Corbett of Crabwell hall, Moulton, Cheshire, left directions in his will that he should be cremated, and added: "I should wish a £3 cup to be given to the Cheshire Golf club, to be competed for on the day of my cremation and on the six following anniversaries."—Westminster Gazette.

Not Really Necessary.
"We don't use wine as a beverage, you know, Mrs. McGarvey," said Mrs. Lapsing; "but it's good to have a little of it in the house for medicinal purposes. You know how grateful I am for the bottle you sent over the other day. To thank you in words would be merely a work of super-irrigation."

Horrible Dissipation.
"I'm afraid my husband is developing the gambling instinct," sobbed the bride. "What's the matter, dear? Has he been playing poker?" "No, but yesterday he offered to match pennies with brother Frank to determine which one should pay the carfare."—Detroit Free Press.

Would Be Wasting Time.
"Dad," said Rivers' little boy, "is there such a thing as a central sun?" "I suppose so," answered Rivers, who was occupied with his papers and didn't fully comprehend the question; "but there's no use in calling 'em up. Line's probably busy."

Easy Victory.
"Life," said the idealist, "should be a generous rivalry in kindness and self-sacrifice." "Yes," replied Mr. Sinnick; "but in that kind of a contest there are too many people willing to let you win hands down."

Well Answered.
"How do you define 'black as your hat'?" said a schoolmaster to one of his pupils. "Darkness that may be felt," replied the budding genius.—Columbia Jester.

Mar Our Own Joy.
The universe is set for the joy of all its creatures, including birds, kittens, street sweepers, college presidents and kings; and it is only from the inside of a man that there do issue forth the devils of care and worry.

Fatal Bar.
Boston Mother—"Gladys, you ought to play with your little cousin Waldo and be more courteous to him." Boston Little Girl—"No, I will not, mother. He admits that he does not consider suffrage essential to woman's highest development."—Life.

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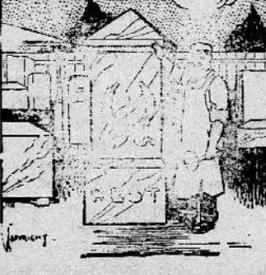
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