

SOME OF OUR SELF-RELIANT CALIFORNIA BOYS.

Stories of Men Who Struck Out for Themselves When Mere Lads.

If you are a valuable man for others, why not for yourself? This question seems to have arisen in the minds of many young Californians to some purpose.

Why should it not arise in other young Californian minds? Capacity for work and the ability to do easily the right thing at the right time are the distinguishing characteristics of the successful man from the unsuccessful man.

Two men with shovels in their hands, one will excavate a career of wealth and the other will dig a hole in his life, while the other will rise to be a boss and contractor.

Two clerks with precisely the same opportunities, one will remain behind the counter, while the other will grow into proprietorship and wealth.

And so, instances in every pursuit in life familiar to all might be multiplied, illustrating how one man forces ahead of another, both having started from the same point with the same goal in view.

Nor can it be easily told wherein the difference in performance lies. It is infrequently seen as if a man starts out in life with the most industrious and busiest man. His hands are so full that things slip through his fingers and he rushes blither and blither, every moment being occupied.

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"That is a point that many young men starting out in life seem to overlook, but I cannot too strongly emphasize its importance."

W. F. AND S. MURRAY. "When my brother and I started in business," said Samuel Murray of the Murray Brothers' Machine Works, 232 and 234 Beale street, "our capital was very small. It wasn't more than \$300, which I and I had been able to save out of our wages."

"Right here I would like to make a point. 'How is it that so many workmen remain contented at their jobs? It is simply that they do not form the habit of saving.'"

"It seems a little thing, but I tell you that the first \$1000 or even \$500 saved means the hardest part of the battle is very often over."

"My brother, W. F., who is out of the city just now, served his apprenticeship with the same goal in view."

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"We started in business in 1886 with only a few hundred dollars capital, which we had been able to save from the small earnings we were making."

"We had to depend upon our own unaided efforts, and neither of us has cause to feel dependent upon the other."

"We began in a small way in the manufacture of saws, but now we manufacture planing knives and other articles, and the business is steadily developing."

"About our success? Well, we are modest in that way and don't care to say much, but the business can speak for itself."

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"It is nonsense to say that there is no field here for young men who want to strike out for themselves. On the contrary there is a wide field for them, and if they possess of a little capital and plenty of push and energy."

Mr. Haughy corroborated this latter statement with emphasis and agreed with all that his partner had said.

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The best arrangements have also been made for the use of taxidermists. Everything on board of the Albatross is fitted with the best of its kind, and all on board are happy and contented with their sea-faring life as well as the interesting study connected therewith.

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WORK ON OLD WAR VESSELS. Probable Movements of the New Commander—Personal Notes of Interest.

VALLEJO, Dec. 18.—Strange as it may sound and appear more than 500 children on the Albatross, the ship is the smallest piece of United States money in use. It was paid day at the navy-yard, and 600 or 700 men had obtained their semi-monthly wages.

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CHAT ABOUT THE CYCLE. Officers Elected by the California Club. The California Cycling Club has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, W. J. Kelly; vice-president, G. A. Hunter; secretary, H. F. Wynne; treasurer, J. G. Wingate; sergeant-at-arms, F. H. Hunt; captain, J. H. Kelly; lieutenant, H. L. Mayo; second lieutenant, A. E. Hillman. During the week Captain Andrews of the Vallejo Bicycle Club was in the city and was the guest of the California Club.

Births—Marriages—Deaths. BIRTHS.—In this city, December 18, 1892, to the wife of J. H. Kelly, a son, named William J. Kelly, weight 7 lbs. 10 oz.

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CHICAGO SCULPTOR. The Excellent Work Being Done by a Talented Woman.

The lifelike marble bust of Mrs. Potter Palmer that is to occupy a prominent position in the woman's building at the World's Fair is the work of a Chicago woman. Her name is Mrs. Ellen Rankin Copp, and she stands easily first in the little band of women sculptors whose chiseling will be a feature of the fair.

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