

# Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

## FROM THE SHADOWS

THE man or woman who smiles upon us from the lowly cottage door, ever ready to offer a helping hand to the unfortunate and to give cheerful encouragement to the weary, has, through tenderness and love, found the way to a sunshine that grows brighter and brighter until the end of life.

The dismal panorama of dark clouds has drifted away from the sky and nothing remains but the crystal depths of benevolent blue.

Despair has yielded to confidence, but not without first marking its exit with sorrows and tears, and perhaps also ragged dishonor, thus fitting the soul for the comforting change.

Erring, thoughtless, selfish, untrue, and living in the valleys of darkness while the beauties of Nature were striving for mastery, the shadowed soul found it difficult to rise to the glorious heights where the atmosphere was sweet and pure.

If, when you are in the shadows, you expect an angel from heaven to come to earth and lead you away to a blissful elysium, you will find that you are still living among shadowy delusions.

To break away from the somber shade lurking everywhere about us

is extremely difficult, but with a heart filled with a struggling radiance of faith, sustained by qualities which only faith can give us, we can do it, and reach the state of tranquil content which comes quietly to the earnest and sincere, like the sunshine of morning after a night of storm.

We may clap our hands to the heights but we cannot reach them except by our own unceasing endeavor.

We must expect tired, bruised feet, we must anticipate slips and falls and a sickening sense of our own infirmities, but we must keep climbing—keep holding fast all the while to the hand of shining-eyed Faith, who, in spite of our unworthiness, will lead us hour by hour to higher ground.

There are many ways in which we may help ourselves, but not until our hearts have been properly attuned to the dominant key and kept in tune.

Hard work, high thinking and a charitable attitude towards others will be found helpful attendants, for without their first aids no man or woman however accomplished or exalted, can hope to emerge from the shadows and write an acceptable record of a well-spent life.

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# KIDDIES SIX

By Will M. Maupin

## SMILE AND HUSTLE

WHEN your plans go all awry,  
Smile and hustle,  
Not a bit of use to cry.  
Smile and hustle,  
Waste of time to fret and scold;  
Brace, and get another hold;  
Meet the future brave and bold—  
Smile and hustle.

Some big scheme wound up in wreck?  
Smile and hustle,  
Bad luck smite you in the neck?  
Smile and hustle,  
Be a man among big men,  
Grab a hold and try again,  
Split upon your hands, and then  
Smile and hustle.

When a brave man hits the bumps—  
Smile and hustle,  
Then is when he up and humps,  
Smile and hustle,  
Waste of time to weep and wall,  
Just forget that small word "fail,"  
Don't moon 'round till you go stale—  
Smile and hustle.

Everybody has had luck,  
Smile and hustle,  
That's the time to show your pluck,  
Smile and hustle,  
Say, "Hard luck, good-bye to you,"  
Start off on a tack that's new,  
Keep straight on with purpose true,  
Smile and hustle.

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# CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

Two thousand car loads of apples were marketed from southeastern Nebraska.

Fire in the Seldomridge elevator at Holdrege destroyed the building and 5,000 bushels of wheat.

Efforts are being made to bring the next meeting of the National Teachers' association to Omaha.

E. C. Bishop, superintendent of the Bradshaw schools, has accepted the superintendency at Fairbury.

The Jefferson county fair just closed was a record breaker, the attendance being estimated at 15,000.

Mrs. A. W. Montgomery, an artist of Stella, was judge of fine arts exhibit at Nemaha county fair in Auburn.

An auto stolen from Peter Reif, farmer living near West Point, August 17, was recovered at Mitchell, S. D.

A total of 5,575 autos passed at the junction of the Meridian and S. Y. A. highways during a count made in one day recently.

Six men were arrested in one day when the Falls City police launched their drive against speeders. All were given light fines.

The home of John Wright, a Lincoln city commissioner, was entered by burglars and diamonds valued at more than \$3,000 stolen.

Practically all of the corn in north Nebraska is reported out of frost danger by farmers who have made a survey of the conditions.

Burglars, supposed to be home talent, broke into the Garver meat market at Beatrice and secured a handful of pennies for their trouble.

The Seventh Corps and officers meeting, with an attendance of about 500 members, closed an interesting session at Omaha last week.

The elevator of Dinsdale Brothers of Palmer was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin. More than 18,000 bushels of corn and wheat in the building were also destroyed.

The bonded indebtedness of Nebraska counties now is \$73,760,187, according to figures by George W. Marsh, auditor of public accounts.

Mrs. Andro Varn of Elgin was probably fatally injured when an automobile in which she was riding turned over, pinning her under the machine.

Albert Dunning's grain elevator at Shelby burned with 2,000 bushels of oats and wheat. The total loss is estimated at \$10,000, with \$7,000 of insurance.

Edward Elsasser, 12-year-old school boy, was drowned while bathing in a sand pit pool near Lincoln. Attempts to recover the body were unsuccessful.

The fourth annual convention of the American Legion, Department of Nebraska, with an attendance of more than 600 delegates, held a three day session at York.

While leading a team of mules, N. Billbe of Callaway, suffered the amputation of a finger when the team jerked backwards and the rope severed the finger at a joint.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Harper who are leaving Wymore for their new home at Auburn, were tendered a farewell reception by the Durcas society of the Methodist church.

The old project of using the flood waters of the Platte river in subsoil storage in Adams, Gosper, Phelps and Kearney counties, is again being revived, with a good show for success.

The ashes of the late Frank Harrison, who died recently in Kansas, and whose body was cremated, were received at Beatrice by parcel post and interred in Evergreen home cemetery.

Folk county's new quarter million dollar courthouse will be dedicated October 10 and opened to the public with a program that will be attractive and in every manner in keeping with the event.

A committee to appear before the Interstate Commerce commission to ask for lower express rates in the west and higher express rates in the east has been named by H. G. Taylor of the Nebraska Railway commission. Members of the committee are Commissioners Gilmore of Texas, Raish of South Dakota, Lewis of Iowa and Kurtz of Missouri.

An interstate treaty between Colorado and Nebraska, to settle a long-standing irrigation water dispute involving the right of western Nebraska water users to avail themselves of the South Platte waters as far east as North Platte, is being drawn up for ratification by the legislatures of both states.

Fate of two damage suits against the city of Hastings aggregating \$150,000 brought by Otto E. Koehn of Norfolk, hangs on whether the court decides the suits should have been filed against "the city of Hastings" or "the city of Hastings."

The swine herd of John McNair, farmer living near Pawnee, was increased by 101 pigs with the birth of ten litters in one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Prawl, pioneer residents of Pawnee City, celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary last week. Mr. Prawl is eighty-eight years old and active. Mrs. Prawl is eighty-two.

Fearing that tuberculosis among live stock can be transferred to their children, farmers of Antelope county are co-operating with the farm bureau agent in a county-wide movement to eradicate the disease.

# KEEPS GIRL TWO YEARS IN SHED

Father, Found Guilty of Extreme Cruelty, Declares She Would Not Behave.

## INSANITY IS RESULT

Long Confinement Nearly Deprives of Young Woman of Sight and Speech—Causes Big Sensation in Community.

Bucyrus, Ohio.—Jacob P. Menges, charged with keeping his twenty-six-year-old daughter, Irene, in a dingy smokehouse for two years because she "wouldn't behave," has been found guilty of excessive cruelty by a jury in Judge Rummel's court. The girl, said to have been driven insane by the long confinement, is now an inmate of the State hospital at Toledo.

The case grew out of the fact that on May 5, Sheriff Edward J. Knappenberger went to the Menges home, midway between Gallon and Crestline, and found the girl, partly nude, in a smokehouse near the barn. The shed contained little but a cot and blanket.

Irene was brought to Bucyrus, where she was cared for by Mrs. Knappenberger, wife of the sheriff. She was reported to show signs of long neglect.

May 16 she was sent to the State hospital and Menges was arrested on a state warrant charging cruelty.

**Family Fought Raiders.**  
Chester A. Meek, Crawford county prosecutor, states that the case is brought under state law, making the finding of the justice court final.

The release of Irene attracted widespread attention, as the statements made by county officials at the time revealed that the girl had been a prisoner in the shack for a long time, reports as to the duration of her captivity varying from two to six years.

Members of the party raiding the Menges home met opposition and interference from members of the family. The girl was passive, accepting relief without a syllable.

When she was brought to the Crawford county jail here she remained in-ert, and her only words were a few brief acknowledgments of thanks for the acts of kindness shown to her.

**Released From Asylum.**  
Under the care of the sheriff's wife she brightened noticeably, but showed little response to attempts to induce her to explain her captivity in the shed.

State records obtained by authorities here revealed that Irene had been confined in the Toledo institution in 1914, but released as being mentally competent June 30, 1915.

At the trial of Menges his wife de-ried testimony of Mrs. Knappenberger as to the condition of Irene at the



Kept in a Dingy Smokehouse. On the stand Mrs. Menges declared that the sheriff's wife had exaggerated the facts. Menges was fined \$100 and sentence of six months in jail suspended.

## OPERATE ON MAN IN MIDAIR

Doctors Mount Ladder to Scaffold in Attempt to Save the Life or Injured Laborer.

London.—Three doctors had to mount a ladder and walk a plank 40 feet above the ground to perform an operation in a vain attempt to save the life of a man entangled in some machinery at Fardon-on-Trent.

The man, Thomas Phillips, at work on a scaffold, had one of his legs trapped in a grain conveyor and the limb was being mangled by a revolving shaft with projecting blades. It was impossible to extricate him from his position, 40 feet above ground.

The leg was removed at the thigh and the patient lowered to the ground and rushed to a hospital.

# SCHOOL DAYS



THEY'RE GENUINE TRAMP SIGNS, THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE! READS JUST AS PLAIN AS THE NOSE ON YOUR FACE, TO ANY TRAMP THAT COMES ALONG—YOUR MA HAS MADE SOME TRAMP MAD, AND THIS IS HIS CURSE PUT ON YOUR HOUSE—PROBLY MEANS TO PUNCH THE WELL OR KNOCK THE BAY OR CUT ALL YOUR THROATS OR BURN THE BARN OR SOMETHING OR OTHER—YOU'D OUGHT TO MOVE AWAY—

GOSH! I WOULDN'T BE IN YOUR SHOES, JACK, FOR A MILLION DOLLARS!

**THE READER OF THE TOTEMS**

# The Friendly Path

By WALTER I. ROBINSON

## SIN AND CITIES

DON'T blame sin on the cities. No community is ever better than the people within it. If the people are honest, God-fearing, law-abiding and live up to the teachings of their churches, regardless of denomination, they'll find little cause for complaint no matter where they live. But when they know what is right and don't do it or don't insist on others following the best pathway, they are likely to be disgruntled with conditions which they bring upon themselves.

We know a great deal about most of the big cities, but we know just as much of the small towns and open country, and proportionately, we believe, there is no difference in the volume of wrong-doing. And we confidently believe that if people hailing from the small towns and country would be as devout to the cause of right as they claim to be when they come into large communities, the blotches on cities' reputations would be much fewer than they are.

It is true that there are many more amusements and inducements in big towns which are likely to divert newcomers' attention from church work and home life. But none of these will lead people from the proper pathway unless they are willing to be led. Even commercialized amusements on the Sabbath will have no harmful effects on those who know they are wrong, if they wish conscientiously to follow the safe pathway.

Remove from every big city the sinners who rush in from small places for hiding and the police and uplift workers would find little work necessary in order to preserve the standards of morality and honesty which are so greatly to be desired.

Able ministers, fine churches, educational opportunities, science, invention and commercial and industrial progress of the cities are the kind of inspirations which should make the world in general more happy, comfortable and thankful to God.

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# Uncommon Sense

By JOHN BLAKE

## HONESTY

A TEN-DOLLAR bill is either good or dishonest. A man is either honest or dishonest.

If he is honest he will not cheat or steal, or take undue advantage of another man, under any circumstances.

If he is dishonest, his cheating and stealing will be limited only by his opportunity or his timidity.

The difference between big thieves and little crooks is sometimes a difference of opportunity—more often a difference of courage.

The little thief doesn't steal continually because he is afraid to. The big thief has less timidity—or less imagination, and steals whenever he has a chance.

But one is just as dishonest as the other. And often the little fellow is the worse, for he adds cowardice to his crookedness.

A full-grown man or woman, trained in life who does a dishonest action, will do another under the same circumstances.

A boy or girl, lacking this training will sometimes become straight with the growth of intelligence.

For the ancient adage about honesty being the best policy is so apparent to common sense that even people who are mentally crooked often turn honest and remain honest, merely because more profit can be had in that manner of life.

It is well to apply the honesty test to yourself, and change your method if you find that under certain circumstances you would take advantage of a fellow creature—legally or illegally.

It is well to drop friends that you catch cheating at cards or at golf, or in business. For the cheat is a particularly despicable form of crook, and deserves no friends whatever.

Never think that a man or a woman is a little dishonest, or dishonest about some things and honest about others.

They are 100 per cent honest or not honest at all. They are honest in everything or honest in nothing.

If they are honest, as we believe most people are, they are worthy to be trusted. If they are dishonest, knowing what dishonesty means, the wider berth you give them the better it will be for you.

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# Mother's Cook Book

The warm raindrops assent the sun  
And in the rain the robins sing;  
Across the creek in twos and threes,  
The hawking swifts and swallows wing.

## WHAT TO EAT

DISHES for luncheon that are not too filling will be found in the following:

**Ham and Noodles.**  
Butter an earthen baking dish, put into the bottom a layer of cooked noodles, add a layer of cold boiled ham cut into small bits, then another layer of noodles. Repeat until the dish is full. Beat one egg, add one cupful of milk and pour into the dish. Cover with crumbs, dot with butter and bake in a moderate oven.

**Baked Sausages With Rice.**  
Cut pork sausages into thin slices. Butter a baking dish and fill with cold boiled rice. Moisten the rice with water in which beef extract has been dissolved. Spread the sliced sausages over the rice and bake in a hot oven until the slices are crisp.

**Graham Cereals.**  
Take one cupful each of sour milk and graham flour, one-half teaspoonful of soda, a little salt, one egg, well beaten, two tablespoonfuls of sugar and three of shortening. Bake in well-greased gem pans.

**Baked Eggs With Cheese.**  
Make toast of rounds of bread which have been cut nearly through

with a smaller cutter and the center thus made hollowed out. Mix grated cheese with cream and spread over the toast. Arrange on a platter, break an egg in each depression, sprinkle with seasonings and cheese, dot with butter and set into the oven in a dripping pan of hot water. Bake until the eggs are set.

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## ONCE IS ENOUGH

POISON IVY  
P. L. Crosby