

**WORTH WHILE**

Beauty is a dangerous asset. A lame excuse is worse than none at all.

Learn to be a good loser and you'll never be sore.

After a man has climbed to the top of the ladder he forgets about those he left at the bottom.

Anybody can be good when temptation is absent.

Talking scandal implicates you with it.

Never use what is not your own, never buy what you cannot pay for, never sell what you haven't got, is a pretty good rule to go by.

"One good turn deserves another" said the poet as he turned his cuffs for the fourth time.

You can't ever say a man is rich, judging by what his daughter wears.

Life is like the ocean. It drowns one man because he yields to it passively and blindly. It buoys up the other because he strikes it skillfully and with lusty sinews.

To be successful one must know when to grant and when to refuse concessions.

Too many people think it isn't wrong to lie about a man who lives a hundred miles away.

How one conducts himself in the unusual and extraordinary circumstances and conditions of life is the true test of one's worth and manhood.

The fool and the liar are inseparable for the simple reason that a liar is always a fool and the fool is usually a liar.

How brave we all are when there is no enemy in sight!

The oldest love letter is in the British museum. It is a proposal of marriage for the hand of an Egyptian princess and it was made 3,500 years ago. It is in the form of an inscribed "brick," says an exchange. Now we know the identity of the original gold brick man.

If you are wronging any one, quit it in time.

Why is it most of us believe good nature is cultivated and ill nature is natural?

Don't permit pretended friends to exaggerate your sorrows.

There is no such thing as a white lie. Every lie is black.

A discontented person is bad enough to live with, but a self-satisfied person is lots worse.

A lot of fellows get into the band wagon who make the driver feel like swearing.

Some men hate to do right because they think they are doing it for the Lord. That is where they are fooled. A man should do right for his own sake; because doing right pays better than doing wrong. For his own sake, no man can afford intemperance, dishonesty or idleness.

The true woman believes in marriage; in motherhood, in family life and happiness. She finds in this circle of interest her noblest calling and her greatest joy.

"Coming-out" parties for girls are generally intended as public announcements that they are willing to go into retirement in a "cottage built for two."

The training of the boys is generally entrusted to mama because papa doesn't want them to become prize-fighters or politicians.

A Japanese woman's age can be told from her dress. It is probably the only country in the world where women are not ashamed of their age.

Don't bet on your popularity.

When some people get into trouble they enlist a lot of people to help them out.

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**OCTOPUS UNCANNY THING.**

Cuttlefish Have Been Found with a Reach of Thirty-Eight Feet—Kill Victims.

Of all the big game of the deep sea that have been taken by man the cuttlefishes are the most diabolical in shape and general appearance. I have handled and measured one that was 38 feet in length, a weird, spiderlike creature with two antennae-like arms 30 feet in length, says a writer in Metropolitan Magazine. Specimens of these animals have been caught 70 feet in length, the captors fighting them with an ax, cutting the arms which seized and held the boat.

Off the coasts of California and Alaska there is a big deep-sea ally of this animal—a big spiderlike octopus—that haunts the deep banks, preying upon the fishes most esteemed by fishermen. It is found off the Farallones on rock bottom and at times the fishermen haul in their lines thinking that they have fouled a stone or rock, so heavy is the weight, but when the surface is reached long, livid arms shoot above the water, seize the boat and the men are forced to fight with knives and hatchets the weird, uncanny game that has a radial spread of 30 feet, its eight sucker-lined arms being 15 feet in length and possessed of extraordinary power. A specimen taken off the island of San Clemente had a spread of about 20 feet and gave the boatman a hard battle to sever its living arms.

Nothing more diabolical can be conceived than this spiderlike giant of the deep-sea, living among the rocks 600 to 1,000 feet below the surface. An individual of moderate size which I kept alive displayed the greatest pugnacity. The moment I approached it would literally hurl itself at my arm, winding its long tentacles about it in a manner suggestive of what a large individual might do. Indeed, Dr. A. S. Packard, professor of zoology at Brown university, says:

"An Indian woman at Victoria, Vancouver island, in 1877, was seized and drowned by an octopus, probably of this species, while bathing on the shore. Smaller specimens on coral reefs sometimes seize collectors or natives, and, fastening to them with their relentless suckered arms, tire and frighten to death the hapless victim."

**REYNOLDS AND HIS RIVAL.**

Contrast Between the Two Artists—Difference Between Art and Nature.

The contrast between these two artists is almost the difference between art and nature, says St. Nicholas. Reynolds was learned in what other painters had done, and had reduced his own art to a system. Gainsborough found out almost everything for himself; never lost the simple, natural way of looking at things and people; and painted not according to rule, but at the dictates of what he felt. Reynolds planned out his effects, Gainsborough painted on the spur of the impression which the subject aroused. Reynolds' art was based on safe general principles; Gainsborough's was the fresh and spontaneous expression of his temperament—depending, that is to say, on feelings rather than on calculation. His temperament, or habit of mind, was dreamy and poetic, gentle and retiring, including a small range of experience. Reynolds, on the other hand, was a man of the world and of business capacity; intimate with Samuel Johnson, Oliver Goldsmith and other celebrities of the day; a man of knowledge and clever conversational power, whose pictures by their variety prove his versatility. Consequently when the Royal academy was established, in 1768, he was elected president by acclamation and was knighted by George III., an honor that has ever since been bestowed on the holder of this office.

These two men were at the head of the group of portrait painters who, in the latter part of the eighteenth century and in the early years of the succeeding one, added luster to the new growth of art in England.

**Bunyan in 105 Languages.**  
One book alone, the "Pilgrim's Progress," holds the record for English literature, having been reproduced in 105 different tongues.

**LOYALTY WON FORTUNE.**

Railroad Man Leaves Generous Bequest to His Long-Time Assistant.

Eighteen years of unswerving devotion has brought its rich reward to John Smyth, of 87 Crawford road, N. E., once a New York "cabby," now the heir of a railroad man of wealth. For that length of time he served the late George Burdette Spriggs, formerly general freight agent of the Nickel Plate system, in the capacity of valet and confidential secretary.

For five years prior to his death Mr. Spriggs was an invalid suffering from an incurable malady. During that time Smyth hovered over his bedside, foregoing all his pleasures. For weeks at a time the faithful valet was seldom able to take off his clothes and was forced to snatch his sleep in a chair by the bed of his afflicted employer.

Mr. Spriggs died a few weeks ago, but he did not forget the self-sacrificing devotion of the man who soothed the last hours of his lonely life. The former "cabby" from New York is now heir to real estate and moneys representing a bequest of more than \$50,000.

It was on a dull November morning, 18 years ago, that George Burdette Spriggs met John Smyth, cabman, in the lot by the Hoffman house, New York.

"Cab, sir?" inquired Smyth of the magnate.

Spriggs turned and looked at the "cabby."

"Is this the man you recommended?" he asked, turning to the hotel clerk at the desk. The clerk nodded.

"Son, would you like to go to Cleveland with me? I have just discharged my valet, and Callahan here tells me you are honest and trustworthy. Will you come?"

It did not take long to strike the bargain. The promise of travel and the inducements held out were too strong to be resisted by the neophyte who wished to plunge into the baptism of life—real life—by "seeing the country." And the arrangement was never regretted, either by the busy man of railroad affairs, who had neither wife nor child to brighten his life, or by the former cabby, who left little behind, and who is yet in the full tide of young manhood, with the means at his disposal to pursue a crowning desire.

"He never treated me as a servant, but rather as a companion," said Smyth. "Mr. Spriggs was one of those men whom the possession of wealth does not spoil. He was liked by every person with whom he came in contact, by his servants as well as by his business associates."

"The property he left me was entirely unexpected. Before he died he told me I should be taken care of in his will. But what was left to me was so much beyond my deserts or expectations that I was overwhelmed. I tried to do my duty while I was in his employ, but really I did nothing more than what I was very liberally paid for."

George Burdette Spriggs was 71 years old when he died. He had railroad and other interests in Canada and on the continent as well as those in this country. By his will he left \$500 to each of three other employes and some of his real estate to a niece in Gloucestershire, England. The rest of his estate he bequeathed to John Smyth, once cabman, then faithful valet.

**WEATHER AFFECTS RATES.**

Conditions of Temperature May Force Railroads to Radical Reductions.

Weather conditions are frequently of striking influence upon rates. To start with, writes Samuel Spencer, in "Railway Rates and Industrial Progress," in Century, the seasonable topic of ice, there was in a winter not long past a total failure of the ice crop on the Hudson river and the lakes and streams in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. It was suddenly realized that distant sources must be utilized for the supply of ice for New York and the populous adjoining region for the coming summer. Lake Champlain and Lake George, several hundred miles away, seemed most available, and rail transportation had to be arranged. Here was a new situation, and a new and exceptional traffic, for which no rates had ever before been needed or established. The emergency was quickly met. The necessary low rates were made, the ice was transported, and the deficiency supplied.

A year or so ago the weather gave another aspect to the ice problem. A particularly cold season left a large surplus stock of ice in the icehouses in the vicinity of New York city. This depressed the ice so as to affect injuriously the business of those lakes in Pennsylvania which regularly shipped ice to New York. To repair as far as possible this unexpected injury to a regular, established business, the railroads leading from Pennsylvania made a substantial reduction in their rates for ice transportation in order that their patrons during the emergency might reach other more distant markets.

**Reed's Ride "Round the Horn."**  
Tom Reed, accompanied by William Bryant, a well-known politician in Waltham, took a Watertown branch (Fitchburg railroad) train one evening a few years ago for the watch city, where he was booked to speak at a Republican rally. It was Reed's first experience going "around the horn." Stop after stop was made, and finally the brakeman sang out: "Bleachery! Bleachery! The next station is Chemistry!"  
"Say, Bill," drawled Reed, "this train is taking a regular high school course."—Boston Herald.



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C. E. Blessing of Auburn, Neb., has returned from South Dakota where he has been selling apples shipped him from Nemaha county. He says that while the demand there for apples is great, the market is already overstocked. Many shippers could not find sales and the fruit was dumped into the stock yards. The shippers also encountered a state law requiring a license to sell the fruit and some of the cities were also armed with ordinances requiring still another license. Many of the shippers were arrested for seeking to evade the paying of the license. Mr. Blessing lost considerable money on his shipments.—Nebraska Politician.

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