

Success and Failure.
The world is full of failures. There is scarcely a man of talent, genius and energy who has not failed. The germ of enterprise that animates the youth shoots up like a stem, and then often weakens for want of genial soil and temperature. Often it battles the elements for a long time, and then it must succumb for want of proper food and room to spread in. There are thousands whose bright spirits are choked in youth, and whose lives are blanks for want of congenial elements, or, as we call it—opportunities. And there are those whose morning of life is an aurora of golden rays, whose progress is on the silver edge of every cloud, and whose setting day is like the azure, filled with brilliancy. These have neither success nor failure, but are fortune's favorites. They do the world but little good and are soon forgotten. But these are hardly spirits whose fame will fasten to the rocks, and who will shoot up and grow in spite of drought, heat or cold; who will displace whatever is too near for scope, and will have room in spite of all resisting obstacles, and succeed. There are men whom nothing will keep down. They start in life with ideas, they follow ideas, they work out problems, and accomplish results. These are positive minds—born to work, to think and act. Often, too often, they fail—utterly fail; but like the ants, they start again to carry home a new load. Yet the greatest failures in the world have resulted in the greatest benefits to mankind. The men who work and fail are those who make charts for others to sail by. They run on to the hidden rocks and shoals, and thus teach others where the safe channels lay. They are self-sacrificing benefactors to humanity in spite of themselves. No class of men are more so than discoverers, inventors and founders of new ideas. Christ was in a worldly sense, perhaps, the greatest failure on earth. He failed as a Jewish Reformer; he failed on the cross. Yet, but for his earthly failure, there had been no success to his divine mission. Thousands of prelates, who have chanted his doctrines, have grown fat on his teachings, and succeeded on his failure. They have taught the world how to succeed. And all due progress is due to them.

Gems of Thought.
He who tells a lie is not sensible. He who asks a lie undertakes, for he may be forced to tell twenty more to maintain one.
If you desire the common people to treat you as a gentleman, you must conduct yourself as a gentleman should do to them.
Against general fears, remember how very precarious life is, take what care you will; how short it is, last as long as it ever does.
Let wickedness escape as it may at the bar, it never fails of doing justice upon itself; for every guilty person is his own hangman.
When bad men combine, the good must associate, else they will fall, one by one, and the unprincipled will do them to pieces.
If we speak ill of the sex generally, they will all rise against us; if we do the same of any individual woman, they will all agree with us.
Reason is progressive, instinct stationary. Five thousand years have added no improvement to the hive of the bee, nor the house of the beaver.
If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.
Tranquility puts the mind to sleep; trouble awakens it; great men are the products of agitating revolutions; genius is born of blood and tears.
A coxcomb maintains an error with the assurance of a man who is never mistaken; a man of sense maintains a truth with the circumspection of one who may be mistaken.
Polished steel will not shine in the dark; no more can reason, however refined or cultivated, shine efficaciously, but as it reflects the light of divine truth shed from heaven.
If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God, even love of our fellowmen, we engrave on the tablets something which will brighten to all eternity.

Railroad Oppression.
In the last Butler Co. Press, under the above caption we find the following. The suggestion that a mass State Convention be held to give expression to views on railroad legislation will meet with favor from people in every portion of the State.
Editor Press: You so kindly gave place in your columns last week for my communication on railroad abuse in this State in general and of every locality in particular. I will venture another strain of charges on this live question. The remorseless advantage they take of our necessities. If might and power be right, as they seem to assume, then let the people arise in their majesty and grapple with them, thereby teaching these "Shylocks" that the indignities they have hurled at their creators (the people) will be resented, and that the creature must not assume to be master. This they have done even to robbery. This state of affairs no community can, and no free people will, permit. We have paid our money and loaned our credit that we might enjoy the benefits of railroads, and not that we should be made their slaves. Their rights as just people do respect; and will at the same time teach them that we have some rights which they must respect. By their arrogance and extortionate charges, they seem to think that we have no rights as a railroad company should regard. Now as one, may I urge my fellow-citizens to come together on this all-important matter in a material sense? We must meet and checkmate them with our next Legislature, or submit to their abuse for another two years without any remedy. We must call county mass-meetings, and, through them, send delegates to a State mass-convention that should convene about the time our Legislature assembles, and make our demands for protection at their hands in such thundering tones that our relief will be assured. Let us only ask justice, and be content with nothing less. Wake up, fellow-citizens, and let us assert our freedom! You have struck the shackles from four millions of human beings, now break the fetters that appropriate three-fourths of all your produce, placing us in a semi-state of bondage. Under their policy, we have but two privileges left, i. e. pay freight and die. Shall we allow them yet two years more of relentless control, or embrace this opportunity to place them on an equality with every other citizen? I hope others will take this subject into their thoughts and speak out. We have but little time to prepare for the prey if we intend to make a strike this winter. Come, let's up and at them!

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The Epizootic.
This malady is raging among the horses east of us, and is liable to strike horses in this section of the state before long. We find the following prescription given in one of our exchanges, and as it is very highly recommended it may be well for you to place it in your scrap-book for future use:
Take the extract of ammonia and sweet oil in the following proportions: One part extract of ammonia and two of sweet oil, well rubbed on the outside of the throat and glands of the neck every two or three hours until blistered freely, feeding them on bran mash until they fully recover. This treatment is entirely successful. As the disease is very prostrating, do not work the animals if it is possible to avoid it. Keep your stables clean and well ventilated, and whitewash them frequently. Exposure of the animals and hard work may bring on lung fever.
Height of Roadsters.
MR. EDITOR: Many persons, in selecting a roadster, make the mistake of preferring one too tall. The following table of the most noted trotters will show the best height:
Harris, Time Year.
Flora Temple... 14 1/2 2:19 1859
Dexter... 15 1/2 2:17 1867
Occident... 15 2:16 1873
American Girl... 16 2:16 1874
Goldsmith Maid... 15 2:14 1874
Rarus... 16 2:13 1878
St. Julien... 15 1/2 2:11 1880
Maud S... 15 1/2 2:10 1880
The average height of the four geldings is 15 9/16 hands, of the four mares 15 7/16 hands; average height of all, 15 1/2. It appears from this table that 15 1/2 hands is the most desirable height for roadsters.
J. A. Hoop.

Sleep at Night.
Sunshine is given us for use that we may require little artificial light. Gas, oil, and candles alike vitiate the air. The fewer hours that are spent in artificial light the better; and this suggests of itself that with reasonable limits the sooner we go to rest after dark the better. We require, in the cold season of winter, when the nights are long, much more of sleep than we do in summer. On the longest day in the year seven hours of sleep are sufficient for most men and women who are not in the prime of life. On the shortest day nine hours of sleep is not over much, and for those who are weak ten or twelve hours may be taken with real advantage. In winter children should always have ten or twelve hours of sleep. It is not idleness to indulge to that extent, but an actual saving, a storing up of invigorated existence for the future. Such rest can only be obtained by going to bed very early, say 8:30 or 9 o'clock. It is wrong as it ever can be that our legislators should be sitting up, as we know they do time after time, in the dead of night, trying against life to legislate for life. It is most foolish that public writers, who hold so many responsibilities in their hands, should be called upon to exercise their craft at a time when all their nature is calling out to them, "Rest, rest, rest!" There are many who will disagree with me in saying these things, but nature is on my side. In every man, woman and child there is, at or about the early time I have named, a persistent, periodical desire for sleep, which steals on determinately, which taken at the right leads to a good sound night's rest, and which, resisted, never duly returns, but is replaced by a surreptitious sleep, broken by wearying dreams, restless limbs, and but partial restoration of vital power. Work with the sun as far as possible.

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