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OLD KIDS ARE HAPPIEST

(Orison Swett Marden in January Nautilus.)

How often do we hear mature people talk about the silly, foolish things which young people do. They forget that they once went into ecstasies over these very things which now seem ridiculous and bore some to them.

As we grow older we gradually lose our zest and our enthusiasm for the things which once delighted and excited us. When we approach manhood and womanhood we cannot understand how children can be so carried away with their childish plays, with their simple toys; how it is that they never seem to tire of things that do not interest us; and then when we get a little older even the things which so fascinate us in our youth gradually lose their charm for us, and so it is through life.

As we advance in years we become interested in new things. Those behind us gradually lose their attractiveness.

While we cannot, perhaps, retain all of our childish zest and enthusiasm, it is fatal to our youthfulness to allow all these interests to fade entirely out of our lives, so that we will feel bored and annoyed by the things that so delight the youth about us.

All of the people whom I know who have carried youthfulness into their advanced years have been extremely responsive to many things in life which interested them in their early days. When we see a person advancing in years who feels bored with things which seem to give young people so much pleasure, we may be quite sure that his brain cells, his nerve cells, are hardening, that hidden faculties are deadening, and his ability to appreciate things is becoming atrophied.

If the dance which exhilarates and captivates your daughter bores you to distraction, if her little parties and plans, which keep her awake nights with delicious anticipation, weary you, you may be pretty sure that you have been touched with the old age germ.

The great enemy of youthfulness is the drying-up process, and this is why we should not only keep as much as possible with the young but should enter into their joys, their play with zest and enthusiasm. We should romp and play with them, interest ourselves in the things that delight them, instead of pushing children away from us and restraining them all the time, regarding them as a nuisance and a bore. Children were given us to keep us youthful to keep our sympathies fresh.

A NEW GYMNASIUM

No real, honest-to-goodness Cornhusker can read Dr. Stewart's appeal for a new gymnasium without sustaining a vital stab in his fealty to the University. It makes us think that the old Greeks, who lived thousands of years ago must be having a lot of fun laughing at us, somewhere in the Elysian fields, and that we are not so civilized after all.

The tax-payers and law-makers of our state have provided a very complete agricultural college at the Farm Campus. There they have excellent facilities for raising stock. They spare no expense in housing and providing for live-stock. The courses at the Farm are made attractive and pleasant by the most recent conveniences. No reasonable expense is spared. Everything is modern and scientific.

At the city campus, where the coming citizens and law-makers of the state are being trained to meet the trials and emergencies of life, and to cope with them; where we put the finishing touches on the education of our young men and women, to make of them the best people that a twentieth century institution can send into the world, it is not so easy to get equipment and necessities to accomplish this most important service of the University.

Is it possible that the people of Nebraska put more money and stress upon the training which fits young men to be successful farmers than upon the training which fits them to become successful men and citizens? Are we losing sight of the fundamental aim of democratic education?

In order to attract the young people of today to our University, and to give them the proper physical and mental development, Nebraska must offer something more on the physical training side. It is not wise to put all our care and energy on the intellectual pursuits of college life. The old maxim that a sound body is vitally necessary to a sound mind is as true today as it ever was.

Young men and women will always desire physical training. Athletics is growing constantly in public favor and demand.

We, here in Nebraska, need a new gymnasium. Even the most unwilling cannot help but be convinced of that. The need is not trivial. Athletics plays an important part in the life, popularity and general welfare of every college. We cannot hold our present rating in athletics if we do not have better facilities. Dr. Stewart says so and we all know that he knows!

A new gymnasium at Nebraska is a worthwhile and a timely slogan. Let's have it!

DAILY DIARY RHYMES

By
Gayle Vincent Grubb

A carpenter knocks the whole day long.

Yet just in a friendly way;
The stuff he has 'sawed' would open your eyes.

But here's what I want to say:

Supposin' he stopped in a clothing store

To suit himself with some clothes,
What style would he choose, I ask right out,

And I'll wager that nobody knows.

Well, maybe I'm wrong in the facts of the case.

But I've got the dope in the main;
If a carpenter ordered a suit of clothes

Why I'm sure he would order it "plane."

HAND GRENADES

A LITERARY SACRILEGE

"The world is so full of a number of things,

That I'm sure we would all be happy as kings."

You realize that it is not for such as you to doubt the word of Stevenson, but sometimes you cannot help but wonder whether or not he was in his right mind at the time of that utterance—sure, I know he's dead; I wouldn't be saying that if he were not.

For instance, you question his mental equilibrium when you go to a class blissfully ignorant of the lesson, and the professor blithely spring a quiz! You feel that the world is surely full of a number of things of which you never heard before.

Another critical moment in your career is when you are madly rushing to get ready for your eight o'clock, and your shoe lace breaks. Again you ponder as to Stevenson's cerebral shortcomings.

Fresh paint in any of its tragic aspects leads you to further thought on the subject. The car you miss, the hash for lunch, the weather, in fact "a number of things," all come in such a train of thought. "Happy as kings! Bah! ! No wonder that old Robert Louie became morose and said:

"Under the wide and starry sky,
Dig the grave and let me lie!"

GIRLS CHOOSE LEADERS FOR BASKETBALL TEAMS

Will Assist Coaches in Picking Squads and Electing Captains

Leaders for the girls' class basketball teams were chosen Monday by the regular sport leader. The girls who will act in this capacity are: Senior, Gertrude DeSautelle. Juniors, Irene Cullen. Sophomore, Sarah Surber. Freshmen, Ruth Fickes.

These girls will aid the sport leader and coaches in choosing the members of the class squads and will be responsible for bringing them together to elect team captains. The captains will then be responsible for every member of their respective teams appearing at practice and at the time scheduled for the games to be played.

The teams will be picked within the next two weeks. No girl is eligible to be chosen on one of these teams unless she has been out to at least ten regularly recorded practices.

The sorority and Rainbow teams will also be chosen soon and the Rainbow tournament will probably be played the last of this month. The inter-sorority tournament will follow about the first week in February and the class games will be played last, at which tournament the Woman's Athletic association is planning to celebrate with an all day party. The completed plans will be announced later.

To a woman the best part of the afternoon reception is when she is the center of conversation; to a man, going out the front door.

At twenty a young man, after reading books like Samuel Smiles', thinks he can be a superman; at forty, he knows "there ain't no such person."

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