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Take it as Soup before Meals
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The Application

By Gardner Hunting

"You don't deserve a job!"

The tall young man who had stood beside Billy Lanford in the office of the Carrigan Construction Company had followed him out and now stood at his elbow in the street, apparently with the sole purpose of delivering his decidedly personal comment.

Billy had just failed to secure the place of timekeeper for which he had applied. He had wanted the place very much indeed, he believed; he had made up his mind to earn money this summer, and the timekeeper at Carrigan's received ten dollars a week for what Billy undertsood was only very moderate exertion. Now the sudden sharp criticism from a stranger sounded like a gratuitous insult. Billy flared.

"Well, say!" he began.

"Don't get mad now," interrupted the other, his bright brown eyes holding Billy's steadily. "You thought you could get that job when you went in there, didn't you?"

Billy wanted to answer sharply and escape. But the very unusualness of the attack waked his curiosity and he answered grudgingly:

"Of course I thought I could get it."

"Why?"

Billy found himself at a momentary loss for an answer.

"You told Andy Jaynes, the manager, that you'd had no experience, didn't you?"

"Yes, but—"

"You didn't like the idea of getting to the gate at seven thirty in the morning, did you?"

"I didn't say any such—"

"No; you only looked it. You were surprised that you would have to stay till six thirty at night, weren't you?"

Billy stopped answering. He was angry; but he felt the blood rise slowly in a hot wave over his cheeks and neck, and he found it hard to continue looking resentfully up into the brown eyes.

"And you resented the idea that the timekeeper had to help in the shipping room when he was off the gate, didn't you?"

Billy backed away against the fence. He wanted to shout aloud a denial of this series of charges; but he could not say a word. He knew that there was truth in every one of them.

"Jaynes knew how you felt," asserted his unpleasant new acquaintance. "Both he and I saw you were trying to cheat him."

"Cheat him!"

"Certainly. You had nothing to sell, had you? Neither experience, nor knowledge, nor willingness to work. All you wanted was to get his ten dollars a week and get it easy, you had no notion of being worth ten dollars a week, had you?"

The young man stood silent a moment, waiting. Billy Lanford was raging. He was angry enough to strike; but he knew that what had been said to him was not unjust, and that fact held his tongue and hand.

"Do you know what you have done this morning?" asked his accuser. "You've started a reputation!"

Then the man turned away. Billy was left alone, standing with his back to the fence, his hands gripping the pickets behind him, his face and his heart burning as he had never known them to burn before.

A volunteered reprimand from an utter stranger! It was some minutes before Billy turned and walked slowly away down the street, hardly knowing where he meant to go. It had been bad enough to think of going home and reporting his failure. Now, he felt as if he had been whipped, and for something too downright disgraceful to report at all.

Who the man might be, or how he had happened to see and hear the application to Mr. Jaynes, Billy did not know. It was very strange that he should have gone out of his way to denounce an action that did not concern him at all. It was certainly very officious of him.

The town in which Billy lived was a large one. It seemed improbable that he would ever meet the stranger again. He would be unlikely ever again to see Mr. Jaynes of the Carrigan Construction Company. Billy had heard of the vacant position through a man his father knew in the Carrigan office. That man need hear only that Billy had not secured the place. What did the fellow mean when he said, "You've started a reputation!"

"A reputation as a cheat!" Billy said half aloud involuntarily. "It's so. They saw; both of them saw through me. I'm a cheap little shirk, and I'm not worth anyone's ten dollars a week. And they both knew it."

The boy's mind was stung to the quick. His conscience was stirred.

"I must go and get a place to work somewhere, now," he thought. "I must! I've got to prove that chap wrong."

He hurried on and on, thinking, planning, squirming under the memory of the scathing rebuke he had received. Then it occurred to him that the criticism, if not merely an ill-natured affront, must have had a friendly impulse.

"He told me where my mistake was," said the boy to himself. "What did he do it for?"

As he remembered it now, there appeared to have been no contempt in the young man's tone. There had been only a sharp incisiveness and an earnest effort to convince.

Billy's ideas grew clearer. That last phrase about reputation—he must go back and try to change the impression he had created at Carrigan's.

He was two miles from the construction company's offices when he reached this conclusion. He remembered Andrew Jaynes's shrewd gaze, and shrank from the prospect of facing it again.

But an hour and a half after the talk at the picket fence Billy Lanford stood again at the railing beside Mr. Jaynes's desk.

"I came back, Mr. Jaynes," he said.

The manager's gray eyes narrowed in puzzled fashion for an instant; then he asked:

"What for?"

"Because I—I'm ashamed of having applied as I did—of thinking only about the salary, and not about the work. I—a man who heard me talk to you—told me I showed what I was thinking of, by that. And I came back to square myself."

Mr. Jaynes leaned back in his chair. "And you came back here to tell me this?"

"Yes, sir." Billy flushed.

"Of course you know the timekeeper's job was filled this morning?"

"I suppose so."

"Then why do you suppose I care anything about you or your application?"

Billy felt rebuffed. "I haven't any idea you do," he answered. "But I'd like you to know that I did have a decent idea of earning the money I want to get."

Mr. Jaynes wrote a few words on a slip of paper and then pointed to a glass door across the office.

"Take this to Mr. Walter Carrigan, in that room," he said.

Billy took the slip and obeyed the direction. He knocked at the glass door and opened it. Then he stood still with amazement. The man standing by a window was the man who had talked to him in the street.

"Are you—are you Mr. Carrigan?" stammered Billy.

"I'm Mr. Carrigan, junior," replied the young man.

"I've came back," said Billy.

"I knew you would if you had any self-respect. That's why I said what I did to you. I thought you looked like a boy who only needed waking up."

Billy stood silent a moment. Then he said, "Mr. Carrigan, I know the timekeeper's job is filled, but I want a chance to—to show you—"

Mr. Carrigan smiled, as Billy hesitated and stopped. "I am quite sure you do," he answered. "That's why you came back. And I think I can find a place for a boy who feels that way."

Courtesy in Air Raids.

Germany's new plan of terrorizing Paris by air raids caught the Gauls with an insufficient supply of gas masks. The bombs that fell upon the French city were noxious and threw out fumes of deadly gas, so that the population of the capital took to the cellars with all speed, using such gas protectors as they could obtain.

All over the city it is reported there was scarcely a woman without a mask during the several raids, the Frenchmen without exception proving themselves the same gallant courtiers as in the more indolent, happy times.

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The ingenious housewife will find that many of her favorite receipts are adaptable for cooking and serving in these dishes. Here are a few that are especially appropriate:

Spanish Rice:—Wash one-half cupful rice and put in glass baking dish. Add one-half can tomatoes, one cupful hot water, one onion cut in small pieces, one-fourth cupful chopped olives, a sweet pepper or half a can pimentoes cut in pieces and one-fourth cupful cooking oil or fat. Bake in moderate oven one hour. Just before serving, remove cover and sprinkle over top one-half cupful grated cheese. When cheese is melted, serve rice from dish in which it was baked.

Scalloped Potatoes:—Peel and slice raw potatoes thin. Grease glass baking dish, put in a layer of potatoes, season with salt, pepper, butter, a bit of onion chopped fine, if liked; sprinkle well with flour. Add another layer of potatoes with seasoning and continue until dish is nearly filled. Before putting on cover pour enough milk over to cover. Bake three-fourths of an hour.

Fish Pudding:—One pound cooked fish or one can salmon, one-half cupful milk, one egg, one cupful fine bread crumbs, one tablespoonful fat, salt, pepper, one teaspoonful onion juice and one tablespoonful of any savory sauce or catsup. Mix, turn into buttered oblong baking dish and bake one-half hour. Serve with parsley sauce.

This oblong dish is very nice for baking bread, cake, meat loaf and various favorite dishes.

Corn Pudding:—One can corn, one egg, one teaspoonful sugar, one-half cupful milk, salt and pepper. Mix well, pour into well-buttered individual glass baking dishes and bake twenty minutes. If the dishes are placed in a dripping pan half full of hot water, they will need no watching to prevent burning.

These little dishes are ideal for individual scalloped dishes, cup cakes, muffins, custards or puddings.

Chocolate Pudding:—Cream together one tablespoonful butter and one-half cupful sugar. Add one well-beaten egg, one-half cupful milk, one-half cupful cocoa. Sift into mixture one cupful flour, one teaspoonful baking powder and pinch of salt. Pour into individual glass dishes, set in pan of hot water and bake one-half hour. Serve in baking dishes, with hard sauce.

Butterscotch Pie:—Bake the crust in the glass pie dish and pour in the filling.

For the filling, mix three-fourths cupful brown sugar with yolk of one egg, three tablespoonfuls flour, three tablespoonfuls melted fat and pinch of salt. Add one and one-half cupfuls milk and cook in double boiler until thick. Pour into baked pie shell. Beat white of egg and beat into it one tablespoonful powdered sugar. Spread on top of pie and brown slightly.

How To Preserve Eggs.

Surplus eggs preserved in the spring will supply the home with good eggs in the fall and winter, when eggs are hard to get and are high priced.

Eggs to be preserved must be fresh, and should be placed in the preserving container as soon as possible after they are laid. One of the best methods of preserving is by the use of waterglass, a pale yellow, odorless, syrupy liquid that can be bought by the quart or gallon from the druggist or poultry supply man. It should be diluted in the proportion of 1 part of waterglass to 9 parts of water which has been boiled and allowed to cool. Earthenware crocks or jars are the best containers, since their glazed surface prevents chemical action from the solution. The crocks or cans should be scalded and allowed to cool before they are used. A container holding five gallons will accommodate fifteen dozen eggs and will require one quart of waterglass.

Half fill the container with the waterglass solution and place the eggs in it. Eggs can be added from day to day as they are obtained, making sure that the eggs are covered by about two inches of waterglass solution. Cover the container and place it in a cool place where it will not have to be moved. Look at it from time to time, and if there seems to be danger of too much evaporation add sufficient cool boiled water to keep the eggs covered. Eggs removed from the solution should be rinsed in clean, cold water. Before they are boiled holes should be pricked in the large ends with a needle to prevent them from cracking.

Limewater also is satisfactory for preserving eggs and is slightly less expensive than waterglass. A solution is made by placing two or three pounds of unslaked lime in five gallons of water which has been boiled and allowed to cool, and allowing the mixture to stand until the lime settles and the liquid is clear. The eggs, should be placed in a clean earthenware jar or other suitable vessel and covered to a depth of two inches with the liquid. Remove the eggs as desired, rinse in clean, cold water and use immediately.

A Future Ahead of Him.

The prime virtue of a good angler is patience. No man or boy ever developed into a successful fisherman who hadn't at least twice the patience of Job.

There's a boy in S— who is going to make a champion one of these days. I saw him fishing the other afternoon on the bank of a creek, and I said to him:

"What are you fishing for, son?"

"'Snigs,' said he.

"'What are snigs?' said I.

"'I dunno,' said the boy. 'I ain't never caught none yet.'"

Salt dissolved in a little ammonia will remove grease spots.

Cold, wet, retentive soils should not be worked too early, certainly not when wet, when they are drying, when the clumps break up well is the best time. Lighter soils of a more porous nature can be worked much earlier. Clay benefits light, sandy soils. Sometimes it is found under the surface and a little may be brough to the top with good results. Clay soils are benefited by applications of ashes, burnt garden rubbish, stable manure, dead leaves, etc.

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