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THE OPTIMIST There was once a man who smiled Because the day was bright. Because he slent at night, Because God gave blue sight o gaze upon his child : Because his little one Could leap and laugh and run !

Smiled on the earth, he suilled. He smiled because the sky Was high shove his boad. Because the rose was red. Because the past was dead. If never wondered why The Lord had blundered so That all things have to go The wrong way here below The over arching sky.

Because the distant aun

He tolled, and still was glad Hocause the air was free. Hecause be loved and she That claimed his love and he Shared all the joys they had. Because the grasens grew, Hecause the sweet winds blow. Because that he could how And hammer, he was glad.

Because he lived he smiled. And did not look ahead With bitterness and droud, But nightly sought his bed. And people called him mad For being always glad With such things as he had, And shook their heads and smiled.

-Bolton Hall.



110 te Paul Delaffeld asked Eve careleasly. entered for the tenuls match," returned Ford Dexter, an amused smile curl

ing his lip. 1 . "Why do you sulle! hasn't he chance beside Champion Dexter ?" Ford reddened alightly but the amile did not leave his face. "I don't know about that, Miss O good, but you'd hardly expect a grind like Delafield to out much of a figure in sports. he was in my class at college; you know, and he worked his way through. When he wasn't hunched over his banks, he was delivering for the launtry or doing janitor work for some of the faculty. I don't see when he ever got a chance to tune up on tennie

"Is he here?" Eve's pretty eyebrows were lifted with sudden interest. "De Introduce me, Mr. Dexter. I'm qure be must be interesting and plucky,

Doesn't look like that sort, does he?

"Do you know anything about his scople P" she added. "No-that is, and positively. Offry Brooks said he heard Delaffeld's father was a butcher or something like that I hope you don't mind changing the subject, Miss Osgood, but I want to ask you a personal question. May I?" Ford Dexter bent his devoted gase up-

on her sweet face. "Well P" asked Ever seronely. "You know the tennis match comes off to-morrow. Will you wear my col-

"Your colors?" Eve was amused. "I didn't know that the contestants "My colors are purple and allver. I

thought perhaps you'd wear some violets if I sent them, or & knot of purple ribbon." Ford Dexter had shaken off his artificial air and was in deep carnust naw, his black eyes scarching her fair face for some encourage-

Eve shook her head. "I can't commit myself, Mr. Dexter," she smiled. "When the match is over you shall

see whose colors I wear." "There are only four of us in match. You know my colors. Oliffy Brooks has adopted green and white, and Gurard's is orange. You see I'm fair enough to tell you theirs." "I see said Eve, podding bergolden

head, "If I choose to wear your colore I shall carry violets or a purple parasol. If I favor Mr. Brooks I must get out my green sunshade and wear a white gown, and if I select Mr. Gerard as thy champlon I must secure a bunch of marigolds, is that the idea?"

"What are Mr. Delafield's colors asked Ere auddenly. "Oh, Delaffeld?" Ford laughed con templicanely. "I guess he hasn't got as far as that. I suppose he feels lucky-to think-he's been entered in the natch at all."

"Among such an aristocratic set. upper," suggested Ete without unl "Well, you know, he's not accustom ed to flocking around with my set." admitted Ford. "He's only got in b cause he is substituting for Dicky Or-

cutt, who sprained his wrist last wook, Do you know Dloky !" "Oh, yes! He's my cousin, ye ."I didn't know," returned Ford che grined. "He's rather partial to Delafield, I believe: he has rather socialis-

"Dicky le broad-minded, admitted | hand. Eve seriously, 'You see he takes ! man for what he is, not for what hi grandfather was. He respects blur for the quality of lils manhood, not for the quantity of ble nuney." "I don't believe Delafield's gran

father was even in the butcher class remarked Ford Dexter, crossly. "Very likely he was some emigrant from" that I'' excisioned live inclegantly, and she flow out of her chair and rau down the steps of the plana.

own nickname at college had been Haa Ba.s. attached to him because his father was a prominent official of the wool trust. He shook off his ill-huro or after a while and once more sought Res Osgood, for nowadays be was never happy unless in her company

plon at the summer game, and their meeting at the Big Spring Hotel was satroke of luck for Ford. He was at his best in tennis and Kva was to be there among the spectators. Mentally he oursed Dicky Oroutt for spraining his wrist and thrusting Paul Dela-

field upon the scene.

Rve, speeding around the corner of the hotel, almost ran into the arms of her cousts, Dicky, Oroutt. His right arm was carried in a sling, and he looked pale and interesting, and his brown eyes were full of mischief. "I thought you'd hear my whistle,

frightfully bored." He tucked her under his left arm. "He can play tennis," sighed Eve. "He can," grouned Dicky. "I had romised myself the pleasure of licking Ford all to bits and carrying off the champlonship, but not for me?

"How about Mr. Delafield-can play ?' Eve was surprised at her ow sterest in the substitute player. "Pall ! Oh, yes, be can play if lupees, but he doesn't seem to care about the championship for bluself. He's promised to keep Ba-a Ra-a from getting it if he can-even if he has put ble own desire saids and carry off the trophy bluself. I suppose the crowd would rather see one of the other three get it than a rank mitalder

"Mr. Delafield is not a society mar then P 'Oh, goodness no, I hope not !"ejeculated Dicky plously. "Does he look like one?" He indicated the figure Mr. D laffeld who was approaching them with eyes bent upon the ground.

like Delaffeld.".

"No." breathed Eve quickly, and her swift glance took in the tall form, strong brown hands gripping a pane ms hat, while his noble head was bar ed to the light breeze. His dark carn est over were lifted to here, wher Dicky halted him and presented to his fair coutin, and after they had searched her sweet face with its ready smile of sympathy, her comflower blue eyes, her disdem of golden heir, her flushed cheeks, they never lingered away from Eve when the was nea

They fell in love with each other ! stantly. Afterward Dicky said h never saw such a complete case "heart complication" in all his life. The three sauntered across the grass and examined the courts, which were

being rolled for the contest on the "Hope you lick Ha-a Ba s, Paul," ob served Dicky.

"I'll try," returned Delaffeld absent "Make the purple and the allver bite he dust," went on Dicky. "Send the orange to the wall, spatter the court with green and white-by the way what are your colors, old man?"

Delafield turned abruptly. "I nev had any until a few minutes ago. tell you what they are after the

"Ah, and some fair lady will wear them to-morrow F "Yee." admitted Delafield, redden ing. "But she doesn't know she's

wearing my colors." "How'e that ?" demanded Dicky ourlously, while Eve felt a pang of jealousy that some other girl had already the incompetent to their incompet confiscated this splendld specimen of ency.

"I'll tell you to morrow." promised Delafield, and he would say no more Late, when live had left them, he draw his friend into a rustic summer house and said abruptly : "Dicky, the time has come to own up to my indentity. My ellence was

only maintained from a dislike of down at his shorter companion. "I don't care if your father was a hangman," protested Dicky, stoutly;

"and you needn't tell me anything about it if you don't want to." "I'me I owned up now I'm throng college. My father is Tom Delafield the packer, and he put me through college as a worker; said I'd turn out better in the end. Hope I will. any rate, I know the quality of friend

ship." He gripped Dicky's left hand and squeezed it affectionately. Dicky's brain was reeling. Paul Delafield was the son of one of the richast man in the country. He had chos to work his way through university gathering about himself a few friends like Dicky himself, who were worth while. Dicky shook his head feebly.

"What will Ba-a Ba-a say!" he sale The match came off the next day Eve Osgood wore a pink freek and carried a pink sunshade, and Paul Delaffeld was so distracted by her that he nearly lost the game, but in the end he vaquished Ford Dexter and his friends and carried the trophy to Eve, who watched his approach with

abining eyes. "Bravo!" she said as she shook life Dipky was examining the silver cup. "What about your colors, Paul? You said you'd tell us after the

Paul Dolafield reluctantly released Hve's little hand. He looked at the plak of her cheeks, the golden glory of her hair and last and longest, Into the shy wonder of her blue eyes. "My colors," he repeated in low tone that only Bre and Dicky hoard, and Dicky slipped away and Ford Dexter started after her with a left them alone "my colors? They flushed and scowling face. "He won- are plak and gold and blue." And his dared if there was an underlying hyes rested on the blue and were satis-

A SINGLE STEP ASIDE A young man un a camping expe-

dition fost his temper. He was not naturally a fire-brand, but on this particular occasion he threw his hald toal self-control to the winds, and allowed himself to be the plaything of He was de-perately in love with her. hisrage. In the camp at the time was and he had hoped to excite her admira young fellow almost a stranger who ation by his undoubted skill on the carried away a vivid recollection at tennis courts. He was the state cham-

the exhibition he had witnessed. A few months later the father of the young man mentioned in his bearing the name of an applicant for a post tion in his office. The son pricked up

his ears. "Look here, father," he exulained, "You don't wan't to take that fellow

"Why not? He has the highest ".soommendations." "Why, he's the worst fire-eater over naw in my life. Gets angry at nothing and then he is like a crasy man." And forthwith he proceeded to give in detail the incident he had wit-Kve," he grinned. "I saw you talking nessed in camp. The father listening agreed with his son that he did wish such a person in his employ.

In a sense this was unfair to the young man whose application was relected. His fit of temper did no represent his habitual state. ... It did him a great injustice. But we tulght as well face the truth that we are likely to be judged by our deviations from the normal, A man dose not have to pick a pocket more than once to be judged a thief, and the looker on who sees him abstracting some one's watch from his vest pocket, will remember that perticular thing about him when he has forgotten everything else down to the colour of hi

The young man who loses his temper, and relieves his feelings by fit of swearing, is very possibly not quatomarily profess. But his outhurst of profanity is the thing his hearers will remember. The girl who repeate a bit of malicious goasip is set down as a scandal-manger, regardless of her general habit. It is the height of folly to assume that because we do not often indulge in certain things which judgment and conscience condemn, our occasional outbursts will do us no harm. An engine does not need to leave the track more than once in order to wreck the train. And the prospects of many a young man have

been rulned by a single step saide.

THE COST OF INCOMPETENCY One of our merchant princes says that incompetency costs his company twenty-five thousand dollars a year. From the standpoint of the employer that is a serious situation, but nowhere near as serious as from the

standpoint of the employee. What does incompetency cost the Incompetent? That is the question which comes home to most of us. First of all it costs promotion. Everybody begins at the foot of the ladder and a good many stay there. The youth who goes steadily up, round after round, le competent. Besides

ambition and industry he basthe third essential, efficiency. Incompetency costs the incompotent fined to the house with congestion of satisfaction. No one enjoys doing poor work. To face a task for which we are unequal is one of the most unpleasant experiences imaginable. The world's drudges, battling always with

work to hard for them, are the world's In dollars and cents incompetency costs the incompetent immense sums. We are paid not for the number of hours we work, not for the sweat and effort 'It costs us, but for the proficiency we put into our task. Untold millions represent the annual cost to

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THE GENEROUS GIVER

The people who come out on top are those who are all the time looking for about what they can get. If a young TWENTY YEARS AGO

tems of Interest from our Issue Thursday, Jan. 28th, 1802 Mr. William Plank has purchased Mr. Adam Cook's fifty acra farm of the first line, and will move into it in

the apring. A meeting of the School Board was called for 7.30 p. m. Monday, but up to S.M only Chairman Hyuds and Trustees McLam and Clooks and the Secretary had put in an appearance The members went home and the board is to meet next Priday on the school grounds to consider the projest in hand, the proposed new school

Acton boys should take warning about riding on passing sleighs. St. Catharines boy a few days ago got under the horses' feet in some way and got a klok on the head which

crushed his skull. Mr. George Walters, who died I Georgetown at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. McKinnon on Saturday, at the age of nearly 84 years, was one of our oldest settlers. He came to Acton the year after the McKenzie rebellion, in 1830, and settled on the farm now occupied by his son John on

the first concession. "Mr. I: Francis entertained at his home on Wednesday evening last week a dozen or so of the Krin Lodge I. O. O. P., along with the local members, after a couple hours' work in the Ladgeroom. Oysters and other delicacles were served, and speeches, songs and recitations followed. Acton Lodge was instituted in 1877, and Mesers. Thomas Kennedy, J. H. Brown, James Nicklin, Thos. H. Cam-

bell, Joseph Allan, J. D. Winlow, D. D. Mann, and I Francis were the charter members. Mr. Francis is the only one of these still a resident Acton. Mr. John McDougall left last work for Seattle, Washington.

mont. Mich., le vielting his father. Hev. Mr. Charlton was too .!! to take his services on Sunday. Rev Dr. Pirritte, of Toronto, formerly of Georgetown, is dangerously ill

Mr. Graham Lawson, of East Free-

Mr. John Lawson, Br., bas been very Ill for a week, but is now some bet-Mr. John Arthure has had a very serious attack of grippe. Mr. R. J. Gurney is looking after his business. Mr. H. Atkinson and wife have just

returned to Acton from England,

where than have been for the most

with Bright's disease.

Mr. Thos. Easton is still very ill His son John, of Barnis, and Alfred, of Obleago, with other friends have arrived this week.

Mr. Angus Kennedy, who has been in the Western States for several years has returned home from Denver, Col., on Tuesday. Mr. W. H. Storey's house is quite a hospital at present. Mrs. Storey who has been ill for several months, le not yet convalencent. Last week Mr. Storey was attacked with la grippe; which her still a protty firm hold on

ALLAN-In Erin township, on January 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Allan, first line, a son.

Wonden-In Acton, on

r. a son. IMMINAN-In Nassagaweys, on January 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Win. Lolohman, a son.

20th, to Mr. aud Mrs. W. I. Worden,

23rd, Lauchlan Macdonald, aged 03 years and five months. McCurrount-In Acton, on January 22nd, Margaret McCullough, wife peopled to be paid for it." of Peter Anderson, aged 73 years. WALTERS-In Georgetown, on January 21th, George Walters, formerly

of Acton, aged 83 years and ten

THE USEFULNESS OF BEAUTY We are not satisfied to live in houses which merely serve the purpose of keeping out the storm, nor to wear clothing which keeps us warm, but is constructed without regard to fit or fashion. There is no longer a hard and fast line between beauty and utility ... Beautiful things are as useful as the bedroom; but, vain precautions, anthracite coal, though they satisfy his wife began to atir. Quickly the another and quite a different need, | panio-striken man went to the cradie The sturdy virtues, like honesty and of his first-born and began to look at truthfulness, must not claim our at- it vigorously. "What are you doing tention to the exclusion of the graces of obseractor, kindly tact, and courtesy. It is a mistake to beautify the home, two hours trying to get this baby and adorn the body, but leave the saleep," he growled. "Why, Robert,

epirit without grace or charm.

said the anouse. THE TRAGEDY OF IT She laid the still white form beside hose who half gone before 1 no sob, no sigh forced its way from her heart, all ills to which flesh is bolr. What throbbing as though it would burst. would relieve one ill in turn would Suddenly a cry broke the stillness aggravate the others. We have, howof the place-one single heart breaking over, in Quining Wine, when obtained shrick; then silence; another cry; in a sound, unadulterated state a more silence, then all silent but for a remedy for many and grievous ille. guttural murmur, which seemed to By its gradual and judicious use the well up from her very soul. She left frailest systems are led into convalesthe place. She would not lay another cence, and strength by the influence ogg until to-morrow.

ROYALTIES OF SINGERO

to lose his voice or become incapaci- life is a disease, and by tranquillaing tated because of such illness as has the nerves disposes to sound and kept him off the operatio stage the last | refreshing sleep-imparts vigor to the half of two seasons, he will feel con- action of the blood, which being soled by the knowledge that his stimulated, courses through the velue. chances to give, instead of thinking royalties from the phonograph com- strengthening the healthy, animal pany will exceed \$100,000 a year for functions of the system, thereby man goes into business with the ambi- many years to come; while Mme. making activity a necessary result

A PRECIOUS OFFT suppose your grandpa sald to you That, ou a certain day. A handsome present would be yours.

And ob, so wesful, too, And sure to come as is the sun, Tell me; what would you do? wonder if you would not ank,

til sorth of questions to find out Its size its weight and height : fit was grown upon & tree, Or made in shop or store ;

for I saked grandps everything Kver a boy could dare! And grandpa answered, "Yos. Tis all you think or say.

book, a jewel, and has wings So fast it flies away !" He said, "Your gift is near, t comes with January's dawn-

-Youth's Companion

CUSTOM. One cannot hear to pay for articles he used to get for nothing. When Adam Inid out lils first benny upon nonparella at some fruit stall to Mesopotamia I think it went hand with him, reflection upon his old goodly orchard where he had so many for

MEETING OBLIGATIONS WHEN

A student vawned over his books at en hour considerably past his regular bedtime. All day he had been in arrears. He had overslept in the morning, and from breakfast on had been crowding into the hours, work which

bedtime be still bad much to do and a When a train gets a little behindthen to make up what has been lost ways deluding themselves by the hope

of catching up-a hope seldom realis Catching up is infinitely more diffi cult than keeping up. If you cannot meet your obligations when due, where is the hope that you, will mee

THE GENEROUS GIVER The people who come out on top are those who are all the time looking for chances to give instead of thinking about what they can get. If a young man goes into business with the ambi-

tion to make himself valuable to his employer, he is going to succeed very much better than if his sole object was to get all that he can and give as little as possible. In friendship, in society, in business, it is the generous giver, the one who is looking for chances to

NOT WHAT HE EXPECTED A stupid looking man was arrested are charged," said the polloeman. "with having voted twice." "Charged am I?" growled the prisoner, "I ex-

make quite as well as your mother used to make it."

The Brute's Wife (petulantly) -'Indeed ! And what is that?" The Brute-"Trouble." HIS MISTAKE The husband arrived home much later than usual "from the office." He took off ble boots and stole into

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Dear mel What would you say?

From morning until night.

Could walk or run er soar ! Vas it a book : a libeary l'orbape a Jowel raro-

And still I wondered till last o ght A precious, bright New Year!"

nothing.- Lamb.

should have been done earlier. At

tired brain with which to do it. hand, it is more likely to keep losing And the same is true of ourselves. Kvery lost minute makes it easier to lose another. If you spend a little more than your salary this month, it is easier to follow your own bad example next month than to make up what you are behind. Some people go through life behindhand in almost every obligation that can be named al

them when they have doubled or

him, and Mr. W. A. Storey is con-

be of service somewhere, who wins the

prises in the end. at an election in England suspected of having voted more than once. When the polloeman arrested him be asked McDonald-In Quelph, on January him what his offence had been. "You

> MOTHER'S MAKE The Brute-"There's one thing you

there Robert?" queried his wife.

"I've been sitting here for nearly

I've got him here in bed with me,

which Quinine exerts on Nature's own restoratives. It relieves those to If Caruso, the great tenor, happens, despondency and lack of interest in

tion to make himself valuable to ble Tetrassini is grateful that the same strengthening the frame and giving suployer, he le going to succeed very company refused to pay her \$1,000 five life to the digestive organs which much better than if his cole object is years ago for the yery same effort that | naturally demand increased substance to get all that he can, and give as little | they are now paying her \$35,000 a year | -sesult, improved appetite. North as possible. In friendship, in society, for. Then the diva was willing to take | rop & Lyman, of Toronto, have giver. In business, it is the generous giver, the lower figure outright for her to the public their superior Quinine. the one who is looking for chappen to records, but a year ago she demanded By the opinion of scientists, the win be of service somewhere, who wins the a bonue of \$25,000 besides the royaltles, approaches nearest perfection of any the the brarket. All druggists sell it.

If it had lege ; if it had winge ;