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WE GO THIS WAY BUT ONCE

We go this way but once, O heart of mine,
We must make the journey well worth while,
Giving to those who travel with us
A hand, a word, a word, a smile!

We go this way but once. Ah, never more,
Can we go back along the self-same way,
To get us out of life, made the wrong,
Dread words we know but did not say.

We go this way but once. Then let
The road we travel blossom and sweet,
With kind, kindy dead and tender
Words.
Smooth that path for brutes and
stumbling feet.

—Florence Jones Hadley.

A GOOD IMPRESSION

"I'd like a word with you before you leave, Clay."

The young fellow started and his color changed, but he took a chair by the window and sat down. "The reason of the above was to get the waiting thrice glances of curiosity, in one, or two cases, tinged with admiration. The employer and the new employee were left alone together.

Mr. Bishop did not seem in a hurry to speak. He glanced at some letters on his desk and signed his name to one of two. Then he swung around and faced his visitor.

"It's two weeks now since you came to us. I believe—"

"Yes, sir. I hope," said the young fellow, his troubled voice contradicting the words he might say.

Mr. Bishop did not notice his natural courtesy on that point. "How many times in those two weeks have you pulled your hair?"

"What do you mean?" Clay repeated blankly.

"Yes."

"Why, I—I'm not sure." The collar you are wearing was evidently not clean this morning. Do you know, Clay, what pleased me most about your appearance the day you came to us?"

"No, sir." Clay answered.

"It was your look of neatness. Of taking pains with yourself, your clean, fresh, well-groomed appearance."

"I always tried to wear my best clothes every day."

"No, but you can afford to have your old suit pressed when it needs it, and to have the world off. You can afford to wear clean linens and to keep your hair well trimmed and your shoes polished. Now be frank. Didn't you spend considerable time and also effort and pains fixing yourself to call on me? What you would make a good impression!"

"Yes, sir. I did." The boy acknowledged helplessly.

"Well, today there's one thing I want you to keep in mind. If you set a position by making a good impression, you must keep right on making that good impression in order to keep the place. That's all. Good-night."

—John James.

THE REAL HOME

Better home life does not necessarily mean a better home in which to live, but better living in the place in which we are. It is not a matter of improved houses so much as of improved people. A real house does not consist of this, and cannot be made better by increasing the number or the size of its possessions. A king's palace or a rich man's mansion may be a prison, and a pauper's hovel may be the abode of happiness.

Home betterment is a co-operative work in which every member of the family has his or her own place and share. No one is too small to attempt to shirk or evade obligation for this, and to expect others to assume responsibility for it.

On the other hand, the strong, persistent purpose and the cheerful, joyful spirit of a single member of the family will often work wonders in bringing order of chaos, peace out of strife and in making the home life approximately to its highest and best ideal.

In the real home life is the prevailing and dominant spirit, and all the relations of life are marked by the same courtesy and deference as characterize relations with those who are outside. "Company means the common everyday manners of a quiet home."

The best home life is based on religion and the sense of responsibility to God. It will build the family and the individual, and the giver of all his good things, the friend and presence is to be desired above that of all others, and the Lord whose will is to be done.

The best home life is based on respect and dignity, and the gentle speech and kindly acts. There can be no real home where there is no love, and where it exists the most unfavorable conditions and circumstances cannot prevent a home.

BOASTERS, NOT BOASTERS

"He is a boaster," is a slogan frequently heard in big camps. And, if a boaster has ever climbed a tree known what it means to get a boaster.

The individual who gets behind things and does them is a boaster. The boaster, however, is quite a different character. Although we spell his name very much as we spell that of the boaster, he is quite a different class of person. In short, he is a boaster, not a boaster, not a braggart of what he has done, and tells about what a clever fellow he is. Boasting never yet laid a foundation for a real home. Boasters are self-centred and never give movement to any undertaking. Boasters on the other hand, are the people who do things. They are everywhere to be found, and are to them a great hindrance when campaigns are launched and leaders are needed. If a man makes his business a success, he must be a boaster. He comes to have things said about him, and expects to be a boaster.

"The man who has a home, and is good and wholesome down to the well, is not so apt to collar the dollars,"

"as he who climbs a tree and dollars,"

"and the man who writes bad poetry, but there is sound philosophy in that."

The most important movements of our day will not be a success without advertising. Anyone can be a pessimist and think that put it requires courage and pluck to be a boaster. Onward.

SANDY'S BILLER

Sandy McTavish was a highly skilled workman in a now anonymous factory. It happened one day that he was asked if he would care to accompany the workmen on one of his trial flights in a biplane. Sandy, after some hesitation, agreed to do so.

"During the flight, the aviator asked how he was enjoying the trip."

"I'm glad to be on the ground," said the boy. "I'm just thinking of looping the loop."

"For heaven's sake don't do that!"

"You're very serious," said McTavish.

"I've some other in my vest pocket, an' I might keep it."



front of a citizen of the character and reputation for industry as William Anderson.

"I am from Mr. Anderson's home," said Mrs. Robert Garvin and her daughter, Mrs. Margaret, fondly for W. H. Horsey & Son, Inc., in the drug business in Toronto, and two daughters, Mrs. Norman MacLean and Mrs. Chas. McLean both reside in the city.

When Mr. and Mrs. Garvin come to town from their home in the country, they were a happy family at home, and good-natured with Bob.

He was a man of simple ways, fond of hunting and fishing, and the old saying he put before everything else: There was his home, that was his pleasure and his dream were queen, prince and princess, and the King of England.

Bob was one of the most popular men in the community, and the friends he had were numerous.

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