

IF WE ONLY UNDERSTOOD

"We know the scores and trials,
Know the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Under the sun there's no gain.
Would the grim eternal judgment
See—I wonder, just the same?
Should we tell him where we stand,
Or where we stand, why we stand.

All we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden forces,
Knowing not the secret of action;
Let us stand, let us stand.
None can profit by the evil.
All the golden grains of good:
And we'll love each other better,
If we only understand.

Could we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not each other's lives,
Nor the naked heart and spirit,
"Know what spur the actions give,
Or what spur the acts we give,
Judg to judge all actions good!
We should love each other better,
If we only understand."
—Rudyard Kipling

THE WORST TIME TO LOSE YOUR TEMPER

The High School seniors had been having a business meeting which committee which had been appointed to arrange for a commencement speaker, had been criticized so harshly that the chairman resigned on the spot. A number of others had spoken against him, and in the impromptu debate, several tempers had been lost.

When Dick Collins stood up, several of the marksmen immediately looked suspicious, for Dick was noted as the possessor of an inflammable temper. As he was a member of the censured committee, it was natural to assume that he had been responsible. Instead of making a fiery speech, Dick began to talk gently and reasonably.

"He was in the middle of his argument when some one interrupted him rudely. A number of the seniors, particularly, had interrupted him, and she knew his defects of temper. But instead of getting angry, he waited until the boy who had interrupted him, as Eve feared he would do, Dick called out, "Say, you remind me of a story I heard the other day." And following up the story he said, "I am one to laugh at the boy who, had interrupted, was forced to grin, though rather sourly. And from that point on, the discussion became more rational and the chairman of the committee persuaded to reconsider his resignation.

Eve saw Dick for a minute late that afternoon. "I want to tell you Dick," she said, "that you were right. You were right about your temper; when others are losing theirs. When I get angry, it's generally when I'm not thinking, but as soon as I see other folks getting mad, it takes all my control, and watch out for all I'm worth."

Dick's course is recommended to other sensible boys and girls. For it is certain that the worst time to lose one's temper is when other people are losing theirs. —Frances T. Simmons.

THREE TRIPS WHERE ONE WOULD DO

Some young people are rather proud of the fact that they never take any pains to save their energies. A girl driving a baby carriage, another running up to her room to the books, while she had studied there the night before. She had hardly brought them down when she recalled that she had a lot of small errands to run, her bureau, and she hurried up again for that. And just as she was about to start, she discovered that she did not have a clean handkerchief, and a third trip was necessary.

The owner of a car thinks not only of speed and ease of motion, but also of getting as many miles as possible out of a gallon of gasoline. The car has been a success in other ways, but he has used more gas than he should, the sensible motorist will be dissatisfied. And yet that is a little thing compared with the way some young folks are wasting your energy. For you can always buy more gasoline, while your power to generate energy is limited. And there is always a waste of energy which you are eager to generate.

When you go up and down stairs three times when one trip would suffice, you are using up energy when you enter a room half a dozen times in doing some simple task, you are not drawing on an inexhaustible store. You are using energy which is distinctly foolish, and even dangerous, which you need in the business of life. And to a very large extent, your success depends on learning not to waste this energy.

WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES

Have you ever thought how many common things are seriously condemned. Take, for example, the following:

A lead pencil has no lead in it.

Kid gloves are not made from kid leather usually from sheepskin.

Cat-gut is not made from any part of a cat.

There is no wax in sealing wax; it is made from shellac, turpentine, and damar.

Canada's hair brushes are never made from the hair of the canary. As a general rule the hair of squirrels is used.

The whale is not a fish, but a warm-blooded mammal which suckles its young like a cow. Whales are cold-blooded and lay eggs.

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