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With a Thought That Points a Moral to Impatient Humanity.

There is a star—a reddish star known as Arcturus—that is traveling at the rate of 150 miles a second, and what is interesting about it is it is coming this way and will come for many years, but it is so far away that it doesn't seem to have any motion at all. It is in exactly the same spot, so far as our vision is concerned, where it was a century ago.

There is another star known as the "runaway" whose speed is twice that of Arcturus—that is, it could sweep across Ohio in a second of time.

We refer to this fact that the gentle reader may understand how insignificant are the little concerns of life that tear his patience into tatters and turn the world into woe. Long after he has gone Arcturus will be traveling 150 miles a second and to all appearances not budging an inch. How modest and patient should this touch of near infinity make us all! And yet, as Ten-nyson says:

We cannot be kind to each other here for an hour
We whisper and hint, and chuckle and grin at a brother's shame.
However, we brave it out; we men are a little broad.

Saves the Tires.

He doesn't look like a very important part of a big automobile organization, this stooped, grizzled man, but the president of a great motorcar company says that "Magnet Bill" saves his salary a dozen times over every day he works. Rain or shine, summer or winter "Magnet Bill" may be seen walking slowly about the automobile plant, his eyes on the ground. "Magnet Bill" gets his nickname from the fact that his tools consist solely of one tin bucket and a big steel magnet strapped to the end of a shovel handle. It is his duty to save automobile tires by removing from the roadway every nail and bit of metal that might cause a puncture. Thousands of cars are run over the roadway to the testing place, and it is figured that without the prevention taken by "Magnet Bill" the cost for out and punctured tires would be \$20,000 every year. Popular Science Monthly and World's Advance.

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More Than One Hundred Cities Already Interested.

The American Bankers Association, which has a membership of more than fifteen thousand banks in the United States, is conducting a great nationwide campaign of education to promote thrift. Preachers and educators, business men and bankers, social workers and employees of labor are combining their efforts, supporting the work of advocating the cause of this important campaign carried on by a mighty association.

At the present time more than one hundred cities are, locally, conducting this thrift campaign. The work has been thoroughly organized by the American Bankers Association. Committees composed of bankers, educators, social workers, etc., have been formed in each one of these cities, and the campaign is being conducted under their direction.

Some of the foremost men of the country are members of a national commission which heads this campaign. Among them are:

Wm. Howard Taft, Gov. Charles S. Whitman of New York, John N. Willys of Toledo, O.; James K. Lynch, President of the A. B. A.; T. M. Dodson of Bethlehem, Pa.; Frank Trumbull, Chairman of Board Chesapeake & Ohio RR.; Hugh Chalmers of Detroit, R. V. Covington of Jacksonville, Thomas A. Edison, C. H. Ellis of New Orleans; John V. Farwell of Chicago, James B. Forgan of Chicago, Lewis B. Franklin of New York, Cardinal Gibbons, A. J. Hemphill, A. Barton Hepburn, Myron T. Herrick, George S. Johns, William A. Scott, University of Wisconsin; E. C. Simmons of St. Louis, Mo.; William Sproule, President Southern Pacific Co.

The climax of the campaign will be in November of this year when an International Thrift Congress will be held in New York City.

One of the prime features of the campaign is the extension of school savings banks—funds established for the

TEACHING BOYS TO SAVE.

A certain father has devised a rather novel plan to develop resisting power in his boys. Knowing the value of self-control, especially in money matters, he gives each boy a weekly allowance, with the stipulation that it must be carried in the pocket during the week, and only half of it spent. One boy receives twenty cents each week. If he produces a dime at the week end, he gets another twenty cents; if he doesn't he gets only a dime. The other boy receives a dime and must produce a nickel to get another dime. There is thus a constant opportunity to spend, but a constant incentive to save—to resist. It may be that the reward spurs them on, but the fact remains that this father is developing resisting power in the boys that will stand them in good stead in after years.

purpose of receiving a small savings

of school children and encouraging the habit of systematic accumulations. There is no greater field for the inculcation of habits of thrift in the minds of the people than these banks. The Jesuit Fathers used to say, "Give me the child until he is seven years old, then you can have him." If the child is taught in this practical way to save his money systematically there is no doubt that he will acquire valuable habits of living; he will become a better manager of his private affairs; he will be more economical and he will have greater foresight. Just recently one hundred and eighty-two school banks were organized in Detroit. In the campaign in New York City they are aiming to establish one hundred new school banks by the first of May. Through the "New York Mail" an attempt is being made to raise fifty thousand dollars for the school children; that is, a dime will be given to each child as soon as he accumulates his first ninety cents in the new banks. Under the system known as the "Brooklyn Plan" originated by A. N. Clark, who is the chairman of the Central Committee for the Extension of School Savings in New York City, the children operate the bank themselves under the supervision of one of the teachers who is also the treasurer of the bank. Each child in the eighth year class takes his turn at filling various positions in the bank from messenger to President. They have a Board of Directors composed of twenty-four children, who meet regularly and discuss the affairs of the bank. At the end of the school year and when these eighth year pupils graduate, in addition to the diploma of graduation they are given a certificate showing that they have filled the various positions in the school bank. The pupils use these certificates as recommendations to secure positions. There is no doubt that this thrift campaign will create a new interest in thrift, a new understanding of the subject. There will not be as much extravagance and waste. The people will live within their incomes and not mortgage everything they own.