

THE SENSIBLE WOMAN IS A GEM.

She Never Does a Thing Simply Because Others Are Doing It.

A crusty old bachelor once said that a sensible woman was the noblest and the rarest work of God. His audience was composed of congenial friends, and he was not disputed, so he continued:

"The sensible women who are born into the world outnumber those who leave it six to one."

"Got the figures to prove that?" asked a reporter.

"No; but you can't prove that I'm wrong. My statement is an axiom and will be acknowledged as such before long."

"What becomes of the sensible women who don't die?" was the next question.

"They die fools; spoiled in the bringing up."

A sensible woman begins early in life to show her prevailing characteristic. As a child she can be reasoned into obedience when she cannot be coaxed or driven, and, though it would be idle to attach undue importance to the bachelor's opinions as given above, it is wise to remember that wise impulses may be changed to bad ones by improper training.

The sensible woman does not allow self-gratification to persuade her to do that which is contrary to reason or sound judgment. She never loves a man so dearly, notwithstanding his bad habits, which she despises, that "she cannot give him up." Her good sense tells her that love is short-lived unless fed on respect, and also that an affection which is weaker than a bad habit is scarcely worth having.

The sensible woman never does a thing simply because every one else is doing it, but because she has decided that she may safely do it. She cares just enough about the opinion of her neighbors and none too much. She who does not care what others think of her is lacking either in good sense or morality. She whose first thought is "What will folks say?" lacks good sense and the firmness to do what she believes to be right regardless of consequences. The sensible woman is the medium between these two extremes.

In time of trouble one turns involuntarily to the sensible woman. Others may be favored companions when the skies are clear but under the clouds are as useless as a lace shawl in a snow storm. But the sensible woman knows you are human, and although that may have seemed prosaic, when your fair-weather friends are comparing you with the angels you are not grateful. She does not gush, or look scandalized, or say "I told you so," or become sentimental, or try to convince you that she has suffered worse; you know at once that she understands, that she is not wanting in appreciation or sympathy, and that she will help you if you will let her.

"Indian Dore."

In June, 1746, Jonathan Dore, a boy twelve years old, was told by his father, who was at work with other men in the field, to sit on the fence and keep a sharp lookout for Indians, who were suspected to be not far away. This was in or near Rochester, N. H. The boy sat whistling on the fence. The Indians all at once came in sight. He gave the alarm and the men all escaped; but before he could get down from the fence the Indians seized him. His father saw him captured and carried off, but could do nothing. Eleven years afterward the Fort William Henry massacre occurred. Among the New Hampshire soldiers who escaped was a Dover man, who declared confidently that he had seen Jonathan Dore. He had often been at Mr. Dore's house and knew Jonathan well. He was sure he had not been mistaken in his identification.

When the massacre became general, after the surrender of the fort, the Dover man ran for the woods and was closely pursued by an Indian. His pursuer gained upon him so fast that he turned at last and faced him, to meet his unavoidable fate. The uplifted tomahawk was just descending upon his head when he recognized, amid the paint and costume of an Indian, the eyes of Jonathan Dore.

The recognition seemed to be mutual. The Indian dropped his tomahawk at his side, and walked slowly back to the fort.

Such was the story of the returned soldier, but it gained little credit. Two years later, however, Jonathan Dore suddenly made his appearance in Rochester, after an absence of more than thirteen years.

He had been treated kindly by the St. Francis tribe, to which his captors belonged, had married an Indian, and indeed had almost forgotten that he was descended from another race. He bore a part in all the cruelties at the taking of Fort William Henry. A white man whom he was pursuing turned upon him just in season to arrest the descending tomahawk, and then Dore saw a face which had been familiar to him in childhood.

Memories of his father's fireside and the happy scenes of his boyhood rushed upon his mind; his arm fell and he walked back to the fort and took no further part in that horrible tragedy.

From that time he thought continually of his boyish home, but his wife and children bound him to the Indians with ties that could not be severed.

Then came Major Rogers and his Rangers, intent upon avenging the Fort William Henry butchery. Dore was absent in the field husking corn. Hearing a general discharge of muskets, and knowing that an enemy was upon the village, he kept himself concealed, and from his hiding place witnessed the massacre that followed. Then the village was set on fire, and after the flames subsided he ventured forth.

Among the ruins he found the bodies of his wife and children. He buried them in one grave, and with them his attachment to the Indians. As soon as possible he made his way back to Rochester.

He settled in Lebanon, Maine, married again, and spent there the remainder of his days, famous for his marksmanship, especially with the bow and arrow, and known to every one as "Indian Dore."

It appears certain that from 70 to 80 per cent. of crime, 80 to 90 per cent. of all poverty, and from 10 to 40 per cent. of the suicides in most civilized countries are to be ascribed to alcohol.

Canadian Explorations.

While other nations are endeavoring to solve the possibility of a railway through Africa or across the Andes, or are struggling with all their might to solve the problem of an open Polar Sea, the Canadian Government are every year sending explorers through the vast region north of us, men, who, in their regular work as geologists and surveyors, undergo more hardships and dangers than ever Stanley did in the heart of Africa. Little is said of Canadian explorations, nothing much written about them, and their annual or biennial expeditions are quietly made with nothing but a few parting goodbyes on leaving and a bon voyage from their dearest friends.

Two years ago William Ogilvie, whose name is better known in England as an explorer than here on his native soil, explored the country bordering on Alaska and passed from the Yukon across what was supposed to be an impassable water-shed into the Mackenzie River, making a journey of over 3000 miles in less than two years.

This summer J. B. Tyrrell, whose name is well-known in Toronto; is making an exploration from Lake Athabasca eastward into Hudson's Bay. The region through which he will endeavour to travel is almost impassable, quite unknown in character even to the natives of that neighborhood, and is said to be barren. His chief difficulty will be to obtain sufficient food, as the length of the trip prevents his carrying supplies, and the whole country is supposed to be devoid of game and fish. Another difficulty is that unless he happens to strike some river flowing into the bay, near Fort Churchill, he may be stranded for the winter on the inhospitable western shore of Hudson's Bay.

Another explorer, H. P. Low, has a task before him which far exceeds anything that has ever been accomplished in the way of exploration, if we except, the journey which Dr. Kane made in 1855 down the coast of Greenland.

Mr. Low has undertaken to go through the heart of the Labrador peninsula, and left Ottawa last June for that purpose. He will go to Mistassimic, north of Lake St. John, and pass from there northeast to Nitehegon, and then may proceed north to Hudson's Strait or eastwards to the Labrador Coast. The Labrador country is probably the roughest on the face of the globe. Travelers who have been up the Saguenay or along the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence can form some idea of the mountainous character of the region. Mr. Low has no enviable task before him, especially as he will have to winter in the interior of Labrador. He, however, expects to complete the exploration in two years.

When one attempts to form an idea of the labors of these Canadian explorers he realizes that an expedition such as that of Stanley in Africa will not bear comparison with one such as that being made by Mr. Low. Stanley had usually to contend only with numbers; he had a large army with him; provisions could always be obtained, and his personal safety was always ensured. In one of these Canadian expeditions half-a-dozen men start out in a canoe with all their belongings and go into a wilderness to contend against famine, dangers of running rapids and the intense cold of the northern winter. There are no way stations or villages to obtain food or supplies, and when they do meet natives the latter are generally starving. Too little credit has been given to the small band of Canadian geologists and surveyors who every year or two at the risk of their lives help to advance the welfare of their country by opening up new fields and new routes, and we hope that such men as Ogilvie will not be lost sight of by the Canadian public.

Push Along—Keep Moving.

Such is the cry of progress everywhere. It is the fuse and watchword of the nineteenth century; written on every banner, carved on every blade, lifted as the "serpent in the wilderness" in the cause of human advancement. Push along—keep moving! There is a whole volume of good counsel in these "cant" words, and wisdom, too. To the young, just starting out on the adventurous voyage of life, they have an ever present influence guiding resolution that grows more vigorous and more strong, to accomplish results so long as resolution is at the helm. If the arm grows weary and the heart faint, they tinge the future with the hues of triumph and lead on the feet with hopeful strength, that removes all obstacles in the way. Push along—keep moving onward and upward! The genius of success calls out from the lips of hope. The cry coming from the distant hills is better than a Damascus blade in hewing out a path from the sterile glades, and the cabin whose purple smoke rises in triumph from the lonely road side to meet the rising sun is a sign to the cabin boy to follow its course in the meandering vale—to victory. Push along! What if clouds thick and heavy are stretched out before you and the groves of discontent are to you as were those through which the children of Israel passed to the "promised land"—push along! What if your eyes see no signs of victory, no gleams of hope—push along! Let *persi verando vincas* be your motto and the laurel wreath will yet descend to crown your brow. What if adverse fortune overtake you, from which none are exempt, when wreath and honor were all but within your grasp, and the great sea, ever fluctuating, that the eye of the most skillful mariner could not foresee; and ere you had a moment's notice "to close your doors" against the rush of the coming storm, and its fathomless waters become the shrine and treasurer of your gold and silver that the great deep will never unguish to you—all lost, perhaps in the grandest enterprise of your life—with no possible "resumption of payment." Look not back upon the angry waters that laugh at your calamity, hopelessly. The idols are there "to stay." Tears will not recover them, but courage and a will to cover their loss will restore them and make you a hero. Push along! keep moving, and the mountains of your labor will give you back "loaded wains," and the world will call you a noble and good man, trust and honor you, and give you places of preference. Keep moving! Every thing in nature cries with her ten thousand tongues—the star, as it rolls continually onward, signals back with electric fires—push along—keep moving! What your hand and brain "find to do," do it with all your might—pause not—rest not—push along! It goes around the world like a trumpet call, rousing up the slumbering, strengthening the weak, inspiring and disarming doubt, making more intrepid the will to reach the Alps and conquer Italy. Exertion is the

spring and fountain of all true progress. Young man, if you would conquer in the battle of life, write this watchword on your banner: "Push along—keep moving!"

Facts in Few Words.

China has only ten daily papers. A steam bicycle is a German invention. A fly's eggs will hatch in twelve hours. England takes 40,000 tons of eggs from Ireland yearly.

About 10,000 gross of pens are produced from a ton of steel. There are 6,000,000 leaves upon an elm tree thirty feet high.

In the city of Mexico the street railway furnishes funeral cars.

A jelly-fish of ten pounds when dried weighs about ten grains. A thermometer has been invented in London for giving the warning of a fire.

The farmer in Japan who has more than ten acres of land is looked upon as a monopolist. The United States produces more grain in proportion to population than any other nation.

Dogs, horses, elephants, seals, kangaroos, bears and lions have been taught to box with gloves.

In Cuba etiquette requires that a request from one smoker to another for a light must always be honored.

The value of the coal product of the United States is nearly four times the value of the silver product.

The head of the rattlesnake has been known to inflict a painful wound after being severed from the body. London contains one-eighth of Great Britain's population. It has a larger daily delivery of letters than all Scotland.

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