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Why Study?

That's a question which countless school boys have asked and myriads of adults have not yet answered it satisfactorily.

If you study merely to acquire knowledge, only to store your mind with isolated facts, only to have a smattering of a subject, you are wasting your time and effort.

The real purpose of study is to empower you to do your work more intelligently and more effectively. If it does not serve this purpose, it is not helping you as an individual or the community in which you have your residence.

That implies the necessity of studying according to a plan for a definite purpose. The boy with a mechanical bent of mind, who wants to be an expert mechanic, should not be wasting his

energy to master languages to the detriment of his progress in mathematics or drafting. Before him should be a plan, possibly prepared by his teacher or adviser, outlining step by step not only his study but also the collateral reading. If he follows this zealously, he will be training his mind in methods that will enable him to do his work effectively.

An adult whose school days are behind him usually has less method in his reading and studying than has the boy who is under the direction of a teacher. The adult wanders here and there in his reading, usually pursuing no definite plan, and reading only for general information and recreation.

Too seldom does he outline a course of reading on some topic, related to his business, trade or profession, and then methodically exhaust its possibilities, so that at the end of a few months he can look back upon a task well performed, and with enriched mind be able to perform his daily work better and with less effort.

Methodical study is not so difficult as many of us imagine it to be. After one has outlined a plan, only a little determination is needed to adhere to it. A little time devoted to it in spare hours will at the end of three or four months, or at the end of a year, amount to many hours of genuine profit-taking study.

TODAY'S TALK

By George Matthew Adams, Author of "You Can," "Take It," "Up"

TRUE BLUE

It takes a MAN to stick through. If I had the choice between brains and loyalty, I would choose loyalty every time.

There is something about loyalty that makes me think of the rainbow—it contains all the colors of character.

It seems to be a primary virtue, too. The mother has it to the nth degree. The dumb dog looks honestly into your face and you know that he would risk his life for you at the drop of the hat.

A friend honored me by dedicating his book to me once, and this is a line taken from that piece of thoughtfulness: "He sticks to his friends through thick and thin." Whenever I think of that line, I think of my unworthiness as a friend, yet it inspires me to try to be one more than ever.

I have been highly favored with true blue friends. Their loyalty to me is more than any amount of fame or wealth that could ever come to me.

You can't buy loyalty. It never sells out! Loyalty always brings happiness—and frequently the other things you most desire.

Loyalty is the spring in your heart that never fails to quench the thirst of your soul. It even flows on into Eternity.

It's a homely virtue. And you hear a great deal about it—but those possessing it express it without talking about it.

And remember this, it's the true blueness in you that attracts and holds the loyalty that comes to you.

When they took the Man of the Cross down from where they had crucified Him, it was the Mother who attended Him first, and another woman whom He had befriended—loyal to the end. Judas was far removed, to where he could count the thirty pieces of silver he had received for his act of betrayal.

Your life will always be filled with moments of indecision. Sometimes it will be money, sometimes fame that will tempt you. But ask yourself first before you make your decision: Will it be a loyal thing to do—either to someone else or to myself?

Stay true blue!

Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

William Bailey, Superintendent of the local telephone company was to attend the National telephone convention to be held in Chicago, Feb. 7-9, inclusive. Combinations of Bell and independent lines in several localities were to be discussed.

The following local painters left to attend the third annual convention of the National Painters association which was to be held at Indianapolis for a period of three days: Gibb Scott, Louis Pahlising, J. M. Ranks, J. B. Baker, G. H. Menke, Edward Savage, George F. Haner, J. H. Besselman and E. L. Lamb.

When a Feller Needs a Friend



After Dinner Stories

The shoe dealer was hiring a clerk. "Suppose," he said, "a lady customer were to remark while you were trying to fit her, 'Don't you think one of my feet is bigger than the other?' what would you say?"

"I should say, 'On the contrary, madam, one is smaller than the other.'"

"The job is yours."

"Why do you think a classical education is not desirable for your boy, Josh?"

"Folks don't appreciate it," replied Farmer Cornstassel. "I never yet saw a summer boarder who was educated enough to hold his audience when a teller pulled out a pack of cards and began to do his tricks."

The conversation in the country club changed from prohibition to golf. "You say Mr. Dubwaite is afflicted with golf?"

"I do."

"Is that the proper term to use?"

"If a man neglects his business, his wife and children and is changed from a smiling optimist into a confirmed misanthrope by golf, wouldn't you call it an affliction?"

Lessons in Correct English

Don't Say:

This broken knife is no use.
Basketball IS PLAYED at the gym.
THEY HAD a concert in town.
THEY SAY that there will be a wedding soon.

Say:

This broken knife is OF no use.
Basketball IS PLAYED at the gym.
THERE WAS a concert in town.
IT IS RUMORED that there will be a wedding soon.

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Q. How long was Willie Hoppe the champion billiard player? G. W. N.

A. Willie Hoppe won the world's billiard championship at Paris, Jan. 15, 1906, and held it until 1921.

Q. What was the first state admitted to the Union? G. R. L.

A. After the forming of the Union by the 13 states, Vermont was the first state admitted.

Q. What causes the water of some mineral springs to color glass amber? H. M. S.

A. Mineral waters, containing small quantities of iron and manganese, are known to color glass amber when the glass is of ordinary composition.

Q. How many farmers have telephones? K. R. B.

A. Over 40 percent of the farms in the United States are equipped with telephones.

Q. What is Samvat? R. J.

A. Samvat is an abbreviation of the Sanskrit word Samvatsara, which means year. Samvat is the method of reckoning time used generally in India, save in Bengal. Christian dates are reduced to Samvat by adding 57 to the Christian year.

Q. What part of Ireland is bog and mountain? I. M. C.

A. About 5,000,000 acres of the 20,000,000 acres of land in Ireland are bog, marsh, barren or mountains.

Q. What should be done for frost-bitten (fingers) ears? F. S. S.

A. The patient should not be brought near a hot fire nor into a very warm room until the circulation is restored in the affected parts. If snow is accessible place a handful of it on a woolen cloth and rub to frozen part gently until the color returns. If snow is not available, use ice water, or the coldest water that can be obtained.

Q. When were half-dimes coined? A. S. X.

A. The coinage of half-dimes began in 1794 and was discontinued in 1873. There were many years during this period that this coin was not made.

Musings for the Evening

I am afraid of women who keep diaries.

I never see any fun in prohibition jokes.

I can never figure out my bank balance to agree with the bank's figures.

I never make any New Year's resolutions, because I know I would not keep them anyway.

I never expect to realize my favorite ambition—to own a pair of suspenders with each pair of trousers.

—A. Alexander Thomas.

They have never discovered perpetual motion, but a lot of people have discovered perpetual rest.

What is the proper height of a high-brow? We have seen some men with brows so high they are scarcely able to reach up and tip their hats, and yet they have not been remarkably clever. One can hardly judge by the physical aspect of things that way. We know one man whose brow practically has no end. He is bald and his brow runs clear over the back of his neck, but he reads this column every day—and

After Dinner Tricks



No. 75—The Rejected Soldiers

Take the four jacks from a pack of playing cards and lay them face up on the table. State that the jacks came before the draft board, but only two of them were accepted for service. Which two were rejected, and why?

The answer is the jack of hearts and the jack of spades, for the simple reason that each of those jacks has only one eye; whereas the others have no such deficiency. It should be noted which jacks in the deck you use have but one eye.

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says he enjoys it, so he is a highbrow in appearance only. I know a highbrow writer in this town whose ears stick up beyond the top of his head, and his hair and eyebrows intermingle, but he can write stuff that nobody understands, so in his case, too, appearances are deceiving.

Many a man doesn't get on his feet again until his creditors take his car.

Some society women are having the portraits of their husbands tattooed on their fair skins. The ink is indelible, of course, and if some of the smart set have all their husbands portrayed as fast as they happen, the average society woman will give the moving pictures a tight race.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

TAINTED MONEY

J. Highbrow Jigsmith rides in state in his large limousine; he has the price, he pays the freight, he's loaded with long green. Bystanders view him as he goes, and mutter, while they look, "He looms up big and yet he knows that he is but a crook." They sadly murmur as they gaze, "He is the chief of sharks; he got his money swindling jays and rubes and easy marks." The people dwell his deeds upon, and all his deeds they know; they know his record pro and con, and also to and fro. And so whenever he appears, as Bungtown's one best bet, they dig up from the bygone years the things he would forget. I often think, when sawing wood, at fifty cents a cord, that it is better to be good and gain a small reward. I'd hate to own a stack of brass, and Croesus-like appear, and have men whisper as I pass, the things I'd hate to hear. I often think, while herding ducks, or drinking drug store fizz, that countless rolls of shining bucks won't buy the best there is. A massive fortune costs too much, and twice too much again, if the possessor gets in Dutch with honest fellow men. J. Highbrow rides around in state, in opulence sublime; but had he always traveled straight he'd have a better time.

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