

Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

THE STEP BEYOND

JUST a step beyond the barriers which have so long defied us, and we are sure of our ground, certain of realizing our fondest hopes, and marching on and on with the victors. The thought thrills us with elation, but how hard it is to make the final stride when we are worn and weary.

Human nature is prone to lose courage when the chase is tiresome.

It inclines to become disheartened when carefully worked out plans and calculations fall immediately to produce anticipated results.

The fatal fault with most of us is lack of patience, coupled with an inclination to be governed by impulse rather than reason at the turning moment when everything is dependent on calmness and firmness of purpose.

We incline to haste when we should go slowly and take accurate account of our energy, where we should conserve it, that our minds may not be filled with fear and finally overcome with sickening apprehension.

In business, as in love, most of our miserable failures result from our refusal to consider seriously the step beyond.

For some paltry reason, a whim of

the fancy, or a laxity of activity, we find ourselves at the crucial moment weary of the chase.

So we sit in the inviting shade of a friendly nook, while our more ambitious rivals steal a march upon us and capture the prize, only a step beyond our impatient reach.

The blame is our own. But the truth never penetrates our souls until the clear perspective of years gives us a sharper vision which enables us to see our folly.

It is not until then that we fully understand our shortcomings.

To make amends for our own deficiencies, we proceed to pass around advice to our intimates, which, as a rule, falls on barren ground. They know us!

There is but a step between success and failure, likewise but a step between hope and despair. When the occasion comes for action very few of us, alas, know how to make the step, though it is inviting and has an air of simplicity.

And yet there is probably no other movement more vitally important to man's future success than the step just beyond.

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CLAY

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

A MAN, they say, is made of clay; Undoubtedly it's true. But then one finds so many kinds Of clay—now haven't you? Along the creeks are yellow streaks Of clay that wouldn't do.

I know the mushy sort of slush Would never make a man; He'd fall apart before you start, Would crumble in the pan. That's not the ditch of clay in which Humanity began.

And in the yard is clay so hard, So shriveled up and dry, So rough and cold with musty mold And full of alkali No love nor wit could soften it— You wouldn't even try.

But there is clay beside the way That's solid yet will bend, That gives and takes—the kind that makes

A fellow and a friend, That, once you choose, you never lose, That holds until the end.

So don't begin with clay too thin, Nor start with clay too thick. The plastic kind you'll always find The best to do the trick. Just add a hand of good, old sand— And then you'll have a brick!

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SCHOOL DAYS



Uncommon Sense

By JOHN BLAKE

THE NEXT HURDLE

PRIDE in past achievement gives you confidence. But you can easily have too much of it.

Life is a good deal like a hurdle race. The next hurdle doesn't look so high when you have taken three or four like it. But it is the next hurdle, not the last one, that you must think about.

However gracefully you cleared the first one, your problem is getting over the one just ahead.

Take advantage of all the confidence you can get out of what you have done. But always remember that it is what is still to be done, that is going to count.

Napoleon irritated his boasting generals by answering their stories of battles won with the query, "And what did you do the next day?"

It is hard to be able to bask in the light of past accomplishments. Pleasant it is to sit back, after doing something difficult, and admire ourselves for doing it.

But life is like a moving sidewalk. You have got to keep up with it or get off. And we are all born with an instinct that prompts us powerfully not to get off.

Keep your eye on the next hurdle. That is the hurdle that is of vital interest to you. It is the one on which you must concentrate all your courage and all your energies.

For if you don't get over it, you are out of the race, and all the hurdles you have taken before have gone for nothing.

If you have had a little success, make it a big success. Put the hurdle

up a little higher. If you have done one job well, find a tougher job, and do that better.

That is what makes progress, and progress is necessary to the prosperity and happiness of every human being just as it is necessary to the prosperity and happiness of the whole human race.

There will be plenty of hurdles to take. But when you have taken one make ready for another. For success is just one hurdle after another, and the man who takes them as they come is the man who wins out.

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Mother's Cook Book

The man who holds down the ladder at the bottom is frequently just as valuable as the man at the top. The mother in the home who is faithful to her duties is as invaluable as the breadwinner outside.

FOOD FOR THE FAMILY

A NICE little company sandwich which is different, and served with a cup of cocoa or coffee will be enough for light refreshments is **Chicken Salad Rolls.**

Mix one cupful of cooked chicken, one cupful of chopped celery and one-half cupful of chopped green olives with three tablespoonfuls of mayonnaise dressing, seasoning lightly with salt and cayenne. Cut small rolls into halves, remove the soft centers, spread with softened butter and fill with the salad; press the halves together and serve open with the tops garnished to suit the taste.

For the Cooky Jar.

Take one cupful of shortening, two cupfuls of sugar, two eggs, one cupful of milk, three and one-half cupfuls of flour, a teaspoonful of flavoring, a little salt and one teaspoonful of baking powder. Mix, chill and roll as thin as possible. Sprinkle the tops with sugar just before going into the oven. For variety cut with a doughnut cutter, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon and add three halves of almonds, points to the center at equal distances. These are called 'sand tarts.'

Raisin Butter Sandwiches.

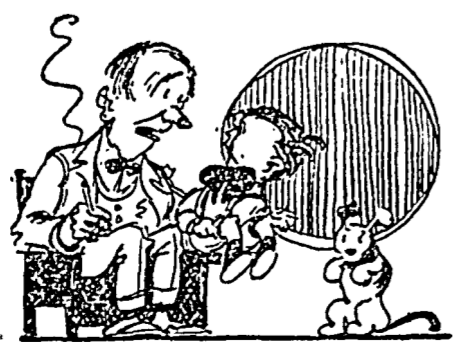
Soften butter by working it with a spatula or wooden spoon until creamy. To one-half cupful of butter add one-

half cupful of finely chopped raisins and two tablespoonfuls of finely-minced candied ginger. Mix, and when of the right consistency spread on buttered bread. Serve with afternoon tea.

Porcupine Apples.

Select apples of uniform size and which will cook tender without losing their shape. To half a dozen apples prepare a sirup in which to cook them. When tender decorate with quartered blanched almonds, sticking them into the apple as thick as desired. Pour the sirup around the apples and bake until the nuts are lightly browned. Serve as dessert with cream. The centers may be filled with bright colored jelly and they may be arranged on a platter if desired, with a spoonful of cream whipped stiff on each.

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A FAIRY STORY

"Pa, what is a fairy story?"
"One that ends with 'so they were married and lived happily ever after.'

Has Anyone Laughed At You Because —

BY THEL R. PEYSER

YOU LIKE TO ARGUE?
You may be a bore or you may not with this propensity. Yet if you control it well you are a stimulating person to have about. Nothing is better for a crowd of lazy-minded folk than to have such a you around. You can argue on whether the moon has flowers, or rocks have life, or babies have rights, or women have hearts, or anything but politics and religion and still be popular and amusing. Argument and discussion can be the ped of a party if no one gets huffy.

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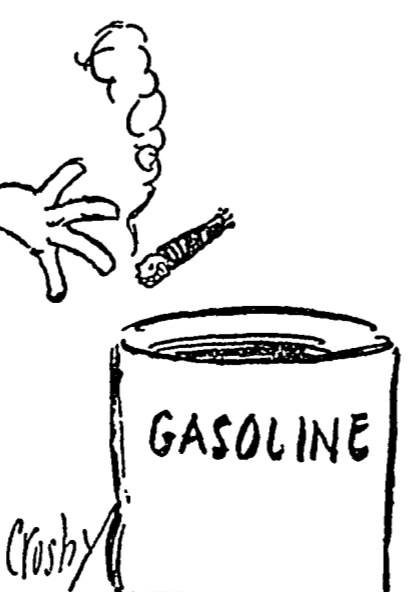
Your get-away here is: **YOU KEEP THE CROWD AMUSED AND INTERESTED**

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Better Vision.

Upon retiring, as she seemed very wide awake, I told my little girl to close her eyes and count the sheep going over the fence. She closed her eyes tightly. A little later I glanced at her and she had her eyes wide open, looking up at the ceiling. I said: "Patricia, I thought I told you to close your eyes and count sheep?" "I can see them better with my eyes open," she replied.—Chicago Tribune.

ONCE IS ENOUGH



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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR APRIL 15

JOSEPH, THE PRESERVER OF HIS PEOPLE

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 45:3-15.
GOLDEN TEXT—Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—Exodus 20:12.
REFERENCE MATERIAL—Joshua 24:32, Psalm 105:16-22; Hebrews 11:21-22.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Joseph Forgiving Brethren.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Joseph, the Forgiving Brother.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Joseph as Son and Brother.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Inspiring Example of Joseph.

While the climax of the story is reached in Joseph's revelation to his brethren yet his life should be briefly sketched in order to get the full force of this climax.

I. Loved by His Father; Hated by His Brethren (Genesis 37). The betrayal of the father's partiality increased his brothers' hatred for him. His dreams were prophecies of God's dealing with them.

II. Sold Into Slavery (Genesis 37). So intensely did they hate him that they proposed to kill him. This murderous purpose was turned aside by the proposition to sell him into slavery. They sold him to merchantmen who were going down into Egypt and in turn they sold him as a slave.

III. Cast Into Prison (Genesis 39). While serving as a slave he was falsely accused and sent to prison. Joseph's character had so impressed Potiphar that he doubted his wife's charges against him. If he had believed her he would have put this Hebrew slave to death.

IV. Made Prime Minister (Genesis 41). Though falsely accused and imprisoned the hand of the Lord was so upon him that he was soon exalted to the throne of Pharaoh.

V. His Dealing With His Brethren (Genesis 41-44). He dealt harshly with them, desiring to test their characters before revealing himself to them.

VI. Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brethren (Genesis 45:1-15).

1. Alone With His Brothers (vv. 1-2). When his pent-up emotions could no longer be restrained he ordered all the men to withdraw. Here alone with his brethren he made himself known to them. There are some emotions too sacred to disclose in the presence of unsympathetic men.

2. Conscience Smitten Brothers (v. 3). When Joseph disclosed his identity they stood condemned in his presence. They were smitten with a guilty conscience. A score of years before they had put him into a pit to die, but later lifted him out and sold him into slavery. Now they are before him with reversed positions. They are at his mercy. Some day every man shall face his sins unless they be canceled in the blood of Jesus.

3. Divine Providence Interpreted (vv. 4-8). (1) His gracious invitation (v. 4). "Come near, I am your brother." How like the Savior. He is saying unto sinners who have wronged him, "Come near, I am your brother." (2) "Be not grieved" (v. 5). He sought by these words to allay the distress in which his brothers were. Jesus is saying the same kind words to repentant sinners today. (3) "God sent me to preserve life" (vv. 5-8). God turned the wicked thoughts of these brethren to good. God is today making the wrath of men to praise him. All that Satan can do but furthers God's purposes. The very wicked thoughts of these brothers in attempting to destroy Joseph were turned to the preservation of their lives.

4. Joseph's Message to His Father (vv. 9-13). (1) "God hath made me Lord of Egypt" (v. 9). He made them listen to his father with the assurance that God had elevated him to a place of lordship in Egypt. (2) Urgent Invitation (vv. 9-10). His father is invited to come, bringing his children, grandchildren and flocks. This must have been a great and joyful surprise to Jacob when famine and death were facing him. (3) Promise of nourishment during famine (v. 11). Joseph did not allow his prosperity to make him selfish. His character stood the test of prosperity. (4) Tell father of all my glory in Egypt (v. 13). This was not boasting but an effort to convince his father of his ability to care for him.

5. Joseph's Forgiving Love (vv. 14-15). Joseph weeping upon the neck of his brethren is a most touching scene. There was entire forgiveness; there was full reconciliation. This transcendent scene causes Joseph's character to shine forth in its true glory.

As If It Were Plate.

Great is he who enjoys his earthenware as if it were plate, and not less great is the man to whom all his plate is no more than earthenware.—Seneca

Consider Others.

The excessive pleasure we feel in talking of ourselves, ought to make us apprehensive that we afford little to our hearers.—Rochefoucauld.

The All-Pervading Spirit.

The spirit of God is not imprisoned in the Bible nor limited to it.

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