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THE EXPERIMENT

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“No Effort Is Lost.”

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Beauty

True beauty does not consist in the advantages acquired by an ostentatious display of finery and wealth, yet many persons select their beauties from among the wealthy and fashionable in preference to choosing them from those who have only their native beauty to recommend them.

A person's description of beauty, of all kinds, must be estimated by the taste of the person, who judges; for what one would pronounce beautiful another would consider quite the opposite. Thus the Indian thinks that his hunting grounds and council-fire are the most beautiful of all earthly things; but the white man who has always lived in civilized society regards them as nothing more than ordinary amusements, while to him knowledge and refinement are the leading qualities of beauty.

There are also many kinds of beauty; such as the beauty of person, of mind, and the beauties of nature.

Beauty of person cannot be estimated by any particular rules, for as I have stated, what one considers beautiful another does not; but as a general thing the beauty of a thing is its consistency or adaptation, and men must be guided by their own feelings and the circumstances attendant in their decisions.

Beauty of mind consists in having it well stored with useful knowledge and adorned with a cheerful disposition and a willingness to be helpful and obliging. It lies not in the finer arts alone, which gain for us but a short lived reputation. A person may possess a knowledge of things more useful & of them also, if he desires; but if one only can be acquired, the former will ensure us a more lasting reputation than the latter.

In the beauties of nature we must also be guided by our own feelings. God has made all things for his own glory and the benefit of man, and we should use all things as given us for that purpose. The earth is diversified with all kinds of natural beauties, so that every person may choose according to his own abilities. A man who is a native of the mountains of Switzerland would desire to live there in preference to a plain or prairie; while a man who had always lived in a level country would like it better than any other mode of living. But our minds, if cultivated, will lead us to prize the diversity of nature and consider all things from God as being beautiful.

-Mimosa

Never Give Up

Selected from Tupper

“Never give up!” it is wiser and better,
Always to hope than once to despair,
Fling off the load of Doubt's cankering fetter
And break the dark spell of tyrannical care.

Never give up! or the burden may sink you
Providence kindly has mingled the cup,
And in all trials or troubles, bethink you
The watchword of life must be "Never give up!"

"Never give up!" there are chances and changes,
Helping the hopeful a hundred to one,
And through the chaos, High Wisdom arranges
Ever success – if you'll only hope one:
Never give up! for the wisest is boldest,
Knowing that Providence mingles the cup,
And of all maxims the best, as the oldest,
Is the true watchword of "Never give up!"

"Never give up!" though the grape shot may rattle,
Or the full thunder-cloud over you burst,
Stand like a rock, and the storm or the battle
Little shall harm you, though doing their worst:
Never give up! if adversity presses
Providence wisely has mingled the cup,
And the best council, in all your distresses,
Is the stout watchword of "Never give up!"

EDITORIAL

Our little paper the Experiment published monthly at Linden Wood has greatly increased in size since the last publication. We apprehend the reason to be, that our contributors are more numerous and liberal in their patronage which to us is particularly gratifying.

We have heard several persons ask permission to write for our paper and we take this occasion to inform them that though we should be honored by the contribution, yet by our rules we receive communications from none but the young ladies of the school, as it is supported by them alone for their especial improvement.

We understand that several persons wish to subscribe to the Experiment and we here say to those that our efforts are not to extend beyond the bounds of Linden Wood and that our publication never exceeds a single copy.

We feel gratified at the interest they have exhibited and hope the contents of our Experiment will repay their efforts of coming to listen to the reading of its contents.

We also desire to say to the correspondents of the Experiment that we feel very much encouraged by the interest they have manifested and hope that their liberal encouragements will be returned when their turn comes to be Editoress with large interest.

We beg leave to say to the public that several new works have been published since our last number issued from the press, and of which we will mention,

Blair's lectures on Astronomy, which are to be had at Mark's bookstore, No. 6 Clark St., All who are pursuing this interesting study should procure it.

Dr. Wharburton's Essay on Education, which is a very valuable book and should be read by teachers as well as scholars.

Several new books have also appeared.

Jack the Cooper

Mary, the Huntress,

Clara, the Fortuneteller

Ella, the heiress

Henry Hopeful.

SCENERY ON THE MISSOURI

After having left Rockport we proceeded on our way, when a strange looking rock presented itself to our view, which appeared to be about twelve feet above the surface of the water. I stood gazing at it until we passed it, and then I eagerly inquired what it was called or what by distinguished name it was known, and was informed that it was called the "Devil's eye tooth," from its striking resemblance to an eye tooth, and I thought it very appropriate.

We arrived at Jefferson City, (the grand capitol of Missouri) about eight o'clock in the evening, but the only object there worthy of notice is the State house, which is truly a magnificent building. At the expiration of the next day we passed the "Iron bound shores" which were truly splendid to behold. The rocks rose above the water to about the height of five feet; a smooth rock extending three or four miles. We also passed a cave in these shores which would easily shelter three or four persons from rain or snow – quite a convenient place for lost travelers. The huge rocks too, which rose a great distance in the air were truly romantic.

Randota.

COMPOSITION

Composition is the putting of things together. But you must first have the ingredients before you can form the composition of even plaster. Lime is necessary with sand and water. To procure the lime you must cut the wood and trim it to your notion, then store all those pieces up into one pile in a particular spot so as not to lose a stick. If you do not, you will lose all this work; the toil perhaps of many years and your parents may have spent a great deal more money for which they have labored under a great many obstacles to acquire.

Now the next thing you want is lime-stone for which you must dig in the earth a great while. You will, I have no doubt, find it along very slowly. But do not get discouraged for the world, but think well, I will not have to shovel dirt all my life! I will get to rock soon and then I will have large pieces at once; so keep on and you will find it, and after a while that which has hung over you like a dark cloud, seeming as if it would pour down rain every minute, will fly off in mist and all will be sunshine and pleasure. Now you have found the rock you will have very heavy lifting, but you must not get weary and when you get out one of these large pieces you will have something

worth your labor to encourage you and will soon have enough to build your kiln. When you get your share, haul it to the spot where your logs are, lay the stone and wood together carefully and make your fire and it will burn and look very beautifully which will delight you very much as you watch the flames lapping their long red lashes together and the sparks and smoke rising to heaven with uplifted heads and hands as if they were shouting at their own beauty. After the kiln is burned you will have lime almost as white as the driven snow.

Well! you have the lime, now you must procure sand. Here will be another labor for you to accomplish. You will have to get this by littles for it is very heavy and difficult to handle: but never mind that, you will soon get through if you persevere. Then you will never regret all the toil and work, but will say it was not in vain – the reward is sure and lasting. No one can take a gift from you obtained by the exertion of your own faculties and if you are stripped of everything on earth you will still retain that improved intellect which you have acquired by severe exercise.

The sand and lime are obtained, now we want something to mix it with, to make it hold together, and this must be water to slake the lime and hair. The water is almost the last thing and yet it is very important, for without it we cannot form the composition. With it we unite the principle substances, lime, sand, and hair, which when mixed together and put on the wall will be as smooth as glass and very durable.

So in everything in life if we take proper pains to acquire a thing, and endeavor to accomplish everything we undertake perfectly, it will not disappoint us, but our works will last after our bodies are laid in the silent dust, and we are permitted to hope that the pains we have taken to inform our minds will elevate then, not only in this state of existence but in the life which is to come.

Clocks, watches, and pianos repaired at all hours.

T. Burks.

MARRIED

On the last inst., by the Rev. Mr. Eldridge, Mr. Price Swift to Miss Angelica Townson, all of Agincourt.

Married by Dr. Blois in this city, Mr. Augustus Fluery to Miss Florence Lorrain.

By Mr. Hoartop, Mr. Augustus Littleworth to Miss Polly Ann Intelligence, all of St. Charles.

LOST

A saddle blanket of superior quality and finish, between St. Charles and the German church. Whoever will return it unharmed to the owner shall be duly rewarded.

For Sale- An astral lamp of the newest pattern and best quality. Whoever wishes to buy or examine will please call at Miss Lee's. No 300 Main, St. Charles.

Mr. Sweet wishes to inform his friends and public general, that he has on hand a large assortment of gold and silver goods, also brass watches, rigs and brooches at low price.

(Correspondence of the Experiment)

Clayton Co., Iowa, Nov. 21, 1845

Misses Editress.

Dear Ladies:

At your request I will give a description of an object of interest near my new home. I reside about thirty miles N.W. of Dubuque. The first thing we shall see after leaving the Mississippi river is Chair Rock. It consists of a cliff about forty feet in height and on the top there is a natural chair opening to the east, and about ten feet below it there is a natural staircase that leads to the base of the rock.

The Prairies in this region of the country are beautiful to behold – especially to one who is not familiar with them.

You must not think that the people of these Western wilds live as luxuriously as those of the favored city of St. Charles, for a good log cabin is considered as a great comfort. The weather is very cold at present and the ground is covered with snow. Sleigh-riding is a favorite amusement which cannot be enjoyed in your climate.

I leave you to imagine the rest until I shall have time to address you again.

Yours Respectfully, J. Stuart.

Drowned

In the Maricrosh on the 13th Nov. forty sheep; whether it was stupidity, sympathy, or a desire to shun the good and ill of life we cannot say.

INTERESTING TO EQUESTRIANS

Lessons in riding will be given at Lindenwood every Saturday at 10:00 by Madame Arabella Vernon who is highly distinguished for her splendid horsemanship. All who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity to perfect their horsemanship must furnish their own bridles, martingales, whip and saddleblankets; and it would be well to have their dresses furnished with capacious pockets in which to put them at the end of the exercise, or they may have to furnish a new set at each lesson, or use those of a very variable appearance and doubtful strength, though the best the Institution affords at present.

MUTABILITY

Mutability is a change as is essential to the improvement and advancement of society, as is motion in the heavenly bodies to keep them in their respective orbits, which system would have rushed to quick destruction long e'er this, had they not been propelled and sustained by an arm stronger than that of man. But in God there is not mutation. He is ever the same unchangeable being, governing the universe with one general love, making all its variety and change tend to one point namely "His glory."

The great characteristic of the earth and earthly things is change. Its revolution around the Sun, its rotation on its axis, its varied succession of productions and its constantly changing inhabitants all prove this power, to be true.

The mind of man is so constituted as to require interminable change – though all may not be for its highest advantage yet it is relieved from things of an engrossing nature, by trifles.

The best employment too long continues becomes painful, and that which under other circumstances, would have been pleasure. Thus it is an advantage that we have different objects to engage our attention else we would become wearied and scarcely susceptible of retaining anything.

Man is constantly accumulating wealth, honor or fame, or losing that which he has already gained until he finally falls from his elevated station to give place to another. We see change in the rise and fall of Empires. History shows that when an Empire survives longer than is necessary for the protecting of its dominions then its citizens feel a security within themselves and indulge in pride, in the elevation which they have obtained over the fallen cities with which they are surrounded. But in obedience to this great law they are crushed to the ground, by its own imagined security while one that been a tributary emerges from its degradations and raises its trophies as an evidence of its ascendancy over its rival city.

Learning and literature too have their fluctuations; at one time Science shines forth from some exalted people as a bright luminary shedding its genial influence on all the habitable world; at another it becomes with that people almost extinct, remembered only by its founders.

In some instances change is a blessing. To our sinful natures it is necessary for our improvement. We have a stimulant in the mutations around us to urge us onward to prepare for that great change; and though our probation here is painful we bear it cheerfully, knowing it is short-lived. We are taught that in the things of the world to come there is no mutation and sin has there no power. Thus here amid the changes and disappointments of time, we are learning to appreciate the immortal cogs of Eternity.

The magnetic telegraph to be established between St. Charles and Cottlesville will commence operation precisely on the day that Henry Clay takes his seat in the Presidential Chair. All who have anything of interest to communicate to the residents of that place can do so with facility.

W A N T S

Wanted: a sleigh capable of seating twenty persons with the necessary accompaniments. It is important that fare be free and then a liberal patronage will be assured.

Wanted: a room perfectly defended against the subtle approaches of John Frost, capable of accommodating forty students, furnished with the most approved seats, desks, globes, blackboards and all the etc. of a model school room for which the largest amount of gratitude will be promptly paid by an anxious band of young aspirants after knowledge. Address R. though the P.O.

An address will be delivered by Mr. Laboam at the Rotunda tomorrow evening on the subject of Education. All who feel a desire to improve their understanding should attend.

A native American meeting will be held at the St. Charles Court House on Monday evening next.

The Rev. Mr. _____ will preach at Presbyterian Church on the morning, afternoon and evening of the next Sabbath.

To the friends of Education.

There will be a review held at Linden Wood school Tuesday, 23, of December. All who feel interested in the success of the Institution and the progress of education generally, are respectfully invited to attend.