

# The Indian Helper

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## DR. NATURE'S PRESCRIPTION.

Take the open air,  
The more you take the better;  
Follow Nature's laws  
To the very letter.  
Let the doctor go  
To the Bay of Biscay;  
Let alone the gin,  
The brandy, and the whiskey.  
Freely exercise,  
Keep your spirits cheerful;  
Let no dread of sickness  
Make you ever fearful.  
Drink the pure, cold water;  
Eat the simplest food,  
Then you will be well,  
Or at least you should.

## HOW ONE OF THE PRINTER BOYS CAME OUT AHEAD.

A printer boy was working one of the steam job-presses.

The lower ink-roller did not revolve on the cylinder, thus causing failure in the proper distribution of the ink.

Paying no heed to this fault the boy kept feeding papers and spoiling sheet after sheet, while apparently dreaming of pleasant paths in distant lands, or perhaps of some essay he was to have done at a certain time, or, most likely about the next sociable and how he could get some sweet-meats for his girl friend.

However, about this time the instructor came along, and noticing the defect spoke rather sharply to the youth, somewhat as follows:

"Why, don't you fix that roller? You know well enough that you never can secure a nice print without all the rollers revolve on the ink-cylinder."

"I don't know how to fix it," said the boy, awaking slightly to the situation.

"Can't fix it? Stop the press immediately! Go to studying out the fault! Find what the matter is! Never let a thing like this pass without trying your utmost to correct it, and if you fail in the attempt always report it!"

The press was stopped forthwith, and both

instructor and boy began to study the roller action.

"I think the fault is in this friction roller, which is worn," said the instructor.

The boy said not a word but kept on looking and watching the roller arms lower and raise. Finally he spoke out very politely but decidedly, "I think the fault is here. If the nut on this bolt were loosened, the roller arms lifted and the bolt made tight again I believe the roller will revolve all right."

There was something so refreshing in a wide-awake suggestion from an Indian boy that the instructor was delighted, but at the same time sure that the boy was wrong.

"Those arms can't be moved," said the instructor, smiling.

"I think they can," was the dignified and quiet reply.

"There is no philosophy in that, my boy. Those roller arms were made by the press manufacturer to stay in the position you find them. You cannot move them one hair's breadth, if you try."

The boy still replied very respectfully "I think I can."

"You may try it then."

"But it will take some time."

"Never mind about that. I want it fixed and you may try your way, if it does not succeed then we shall try some other way."

A wrench was brought into use. The bolt was loosened, the arms lifted about a sixteenth of an inch, the bolt tightened, the engine strap again applied and to the utter astonishment of the instructor the roller began to revolve and has been on the revolve ever since, when needed. The instructor is the one who learned a lesson and the Indian boy is not big-headed over his victory.

He is the same common sense, quiet, gentlemanly young man he was before and is ever ready to receive instruction and make good use of it.

"An officer of the marine corps who has the duty of examining boys that want to enter the navy says that one-fifth of the applicants of which there are hundreds, are rejected on account of heart disease. The large majority of these cases are caused by cigarette smoking."

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### Important.

See what one of the big Philadelphia daily papers had for the first piece in its editorial column a few days ago! If it is important for Philadelphians and all the other readers of the *Bulletin* to be careful, it must be important to us Carlislians and all the readers of the HELPER. The *Bulletin* says:

There is no time of the year more fickle and treacherous than the month of April. This is mentioned in the interest of those impetuous persons who throw aside overcoats and undergarments and come out arrayed in the glory of spring clothes because of the temptation of a mild sun. There will be many rough and stormy days before it will be safe to do these things without falling into the hands of the family physician.

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We have many kind friends again this week to thank for letters of praise and interest in our little paper. A lady writes, "We like the INDIAN HELPER so much, and we grown people as well as children think the paper grows in interest all the time. The literary people in P— use verses and sentiments from it in our Society meetings."

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Edward Marsden from the Sitka, Alaska, Indian school writes: "Please allow me a little space in your valuable column to express our pleasure for your well printed HELPER. My schoolmates enjoy it so much that they compelled me to write and forward you their thanks. It represents to me your good progress. Hoping in some future time the Indians as now known may vanish from the face of the earth and that the uncivilized extensive energy they have, be transformed to a higher and civilized state of humanity. I think some of these days a Red man will be at the wheel."

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Dollie Gould is teaching at her home in Montana. She says she has difficulties with her pupils which remind her of the trouble she used to give her teachers at Carlisle.

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Two subscriptions and a one-cent stamp will secure a printed copy of the contrast group of eleven Apaches, showing how they appeared when they came to Carlisle and then four months after. A great many copies of this interesting picture have been sent out this week.

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Have you seen the new pig pen at the near farm? Mr. Pollinger declares it to be one of the best in Cumberland County. It was made out of second hand lumber by the school carpenters, is two story and a regular parlor instead of a pen. At this farm over six bushels of onions have been planted, but the cool weather has delayed the planting of peas. We are glad to see the mud hole around the barn filling up with ashes and other refuse good for the purpose. At the lower farm spring work has begun in earnest.

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Chas. Wheelock, one of Carlisle's noble boys left for his home in Oneida, Wisconsin, on Wednesday. Charles has attended school this winter and also had complete charge of the steam-heating twelve hours each day, from twelve o'clock noon to twelve o'clock night. He has worked hard and was ever faithful. Never has there been so little complaint about sufficient heat, as this winter. Charlie goes home to farm three hundred acres of land and hopes to earn enough money this summer to see him through a course in some business college near home. The well wishes of a host of friends at Carlisle go with their most excellent and exemplary fellow student.

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Company A marches out of chapel keeping the best step. Company C the next best. Yes, the girls march very well, but so many of them step with the right foot instead of the left on the accented note of the music. The Man-on-the-band-stand, as old as he is, can march better than some of the large boys. A boy who is careless in his marching is of course careless in his work and in everything else, and the careless boys and girls are not the ones selected to go on farms when a chance comes to go out and earn money. Who wants to hire a careless fellow who is too lazy to keep step in marching? One's character is shown in the very way he or she walks or marches.

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My! How some of the Oneidas do like pie!

Miss Katie Ball, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Seabrook.

Hem! New oil-cloth and stair carpet in the teachers' club hall and they look "n--i--c--e"!!!

House cleaning at the Hospital! Miss Wilson keeps her home for the sick in such perfect order that one would always suppose house cleaning had just been done.

Henry Kendall arrived Friday from New Brunswick, N. J., where he attends Rutger's College Preparatory and will spend his Easter vacation at his Carlisle home.

There is science and skill even in sweeping. Who would hire a boy to do more important work and pay him good wages if he could not sweep a room or a pavement clean?

Only one subscription and a two-cent stamp to get the printed copy of the Pueblo contrast, showing how three pupils looked when they first came and then four years after.

Grass seed is being sown on the winter-worn and over-trodden spots in our parade, and around the electric light poles. The parade already presents a lovely spring green.

Hon. Hayter Reed, Commissioner of Indian Affairs of the North West Territory, whose head-quarters are at Regina, Canada, spent part of Friday in looking through our school.

"Keep up with the procession, in books, in industry, in conduct. Not only keep up but work to the front, not only get to the front but aspire to be Captains," is the quintessence of the earnest talk our pupils heard last Saturday night from our Superintendent.

Misses Fisher and Lowe were the only members of our faculty who were honored with an invitation to the high class colored reception given at the Armory in town last Thursday night. They speak well of the gathering and claim to have spent a very pleasant evening.

The Invincibles did not accept the challenge of the Mock Senate to discuss the Woman's Suffrage question. The Man-on-the-bandstand thinks that perhaps it is good for them that they did not, for they would have been beaten. They passed the Bill last Friday night and we are proud to find that the Senate is composed of young men of large hearts and liberal minds on this subject. It is rumored that the Invincibles are getting ready for a public entertainment.

It takes 2,800 pounds of beef a week to supply our school.

Miss L. A. Bender spent Sunday at her home near Philadelphia.

We are happy to report Mrs. Pratt as much better—able to be around.

Regular California weather the last few days. Perfectly charming.

Ben Damon is teaching at his home among the Navajoes of Arizona and receives \$500 a year.

Dr. Given and Johnnie spent a few days in Bucks County at the home where Charlie Carr lies sick.

Henry Martin has returned from college in Georgia to his home in Indian Territory. He found that the duties were too much of a strain upon him.

The young ladies' Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church in town will send a delegation to visit our Missionary Society, next Thursday evening. An interesting meeting is anticipated. Let us all go!

Willie Morgan received a clubbing the other day, but he clubbed himself. He was exercising with the Indian clubs and one struck him under the eye making it black and swell considerably, but it is now nearly well.

We shall miss Charlie Wheelock's bass tooting on his grand big band horn which he so ably filled. Peter Cornelius now takes it and time alone will tell whether he can do as well. We know he can by practice if not able just at first.

Have you noticed the fire on the mountain north of the school? The luminous line is beautiful to behold in the darkness of night, but the destruction of timber is a fearful loss. All possible effort is being made to stop the progress of the flames but to no purpose. The fire started over in Perry County.

Miss Irvine has returned from her visit among girls on farms and reports the girls in most instances doing remarkably well and the people well satisfied with them. They are happy and do not wish to return to the school unless obliged to. The Man-on-the-bandstand is pleased indeed to hear such good reports. The exceptions are few indeed.

Miss Hyde is with us for a little visit. She finds many new faces among teachers and pupils. Pupils who were here when Miss Hyde mothered our girls remember her kindly and gave her a warm greeting, but it is not surprising that she does not recognize at first sight some who have grown and changed much in personal appearance. Miss Hyde is on her way to Wichita, Kansas, where she lives with her brother.

*Some funny definitions of little things*

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### Some Funny Definitions.

Even little white children often get queer ideas about words, and sometimes about words in very common use.

A little girl thought that a blacksmith shop is "a place where they make horses." "Why," said she, "I saw a man nailing on the last foot of one."

Another wanted to know about butterflies: "Are they the flies that make butter?"

A little girl thinking that the catechism was a pretty hard book wanted to know if they didn't have "kittenchisms for little girls."

Another said "A pig is a hog's little boy."

A little country fellow describes salt as "What makes your tater taste bad when you don't put it on."

One says snoring is "letting off sleep," and "snow is rain all popped out white."

Still another claims that "Trees are fans that make it cold."

"What is dust,"? asked a teacher of her little pupil.

"Dust, is mud with the juice squeezed out."

"A fan" to another, "is a thing to brush the warm off with," and a horse is "an animal with four legs, one in each corner."

"Ice is water that went to sleep in the cold."

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There is no way of getting a reputation like deserving it.

There is no way of preserving a reputation like continuing to deserve it.

If you would have others think a good deal of you first see to it that there is a good deal to you.

If you think too much of yourself, others will not.

If you think very little of yourself, others may think more.

Not until you have forgotten yourself will the world generally feel any responsibility to give thought to you.—*Sunday-school Times.*

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SCHILLER, the famous German writer, says of a character in one of his poems that

"With firm and fearless step she ever walked  
The narrow path of duty—all unconscious  
That she won worship where she never  
dreamed  
Of approbation."

In this really beautiful description of a noble woman you are taught that a good reputation is to be won, not by seeking to gain it so much as by being really good. She never dreamed of the approbation of others as the motive for doing right. She simply sought the path of duty, and, having found it, walked in it "with

firm and fearless step." That made her a truly noble woman and compelled the admiration of all who loved goodness. And this is the law of life.

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### Importance of Little Things.

A lad was noted for his bad penmanship.

When his teachers remonstrated, he replied: "Many men of genius have written worse scrawls than I write. It is not worth while to worry about so trivial a fault."

Ten years later, this lad was an officer in the English army, doing service in the Crimean War.

An order he copied for transmission was so illegible that it was given incorrectly to the troops, and the result was the loss of a great many brave men.

Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well.

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Doing business is a very effectual mode of doing good.

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### Enigma.

I am made of ten letters.

My 4, 8, 7, 5, is what we need most to do with our money.

My 10, 1, 9, is the number of toes most people have.

My 6, 3, 4, 10, is what Wesley Scott likes to do.

My 9, 8, 2, means No.

My whole is what the boy or girl or man or woman who finds this Enigma out should despise to be.

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ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA; Robert Mathews.

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STANDING OFFER.—For FIVE new subscribers to the INDIAN HELPER, we will give the person sending them a photographic group of the 15 Carlisle Indian Printer boys, on a card  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$  inches, worth 20 cents when sold by itself. Name and tribe of each boy given.

(Persons wishing the above premium will please enclose a 1-cent stamp to pay postage.)

For TEN, Two PHOTOGRAPHS, one showing a group of Pueblos as they arrived in wild dress, and another of the same pupils three years after; or, for the same number of names we give two photographs showing still more marked contrast between a Navajoe as he arrived in native dress, and as he now looks, worth 20 cents apiece.

Persons wishing the above premiums will please enclose a 2-cent stamp to pay postage.)

For FIFTY, we offer a GROUP OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL on 9x13 inch card. Faces show distinctly, worth sixty cents.

Persons wishing the above premium will please send 5 cents to pay postage.

For THREE new subscribers we will give the picture of Apache baby, Eunice. Send a 1-cent stamp to pay postage.

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