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A MOUTH CURVED UP AT CORNERS.

THE world is not so bad a place
As the growling cynic paints it,
And life in the main is fair and sweet
Till selfishness mars and taints it.
So don't belong to the pessimist crew
And don't be one of the scorners,
Don't go about with a clouded brow
And a mouth drawn down at the corners.
Though fortune seemeth to frown on you,
Be never you disconcerted.
If you put your mouth into rainbow shape,
Pray let the brow be inverted.
Though you be slighted by fortune's pets,
Though you be scorned by the scorners,
Still keep a heart that is brave and strong
And a mouth curved up at the corners.
Don't look on life through a smoky glass,
The world is much as you take it.
'Twill yield you back a gleam of light
Or a glow of warmth if you make it.
However fortune may seem to frown,
However may scorn the scorners,
Still face your fate with a fearless eye
And a mouth curved up at the corners.
—*Good Housekeeping.*

GOING BACK TO THE BLANKET.

A great many good people have the idea that when a returned student goes back to the blanket, he abandons at the same time all the good he has been taught in school.

To such the following article by A-te-ka, (Mrs. E. G. Platt) for many years a worker among the Indians, will present a new view of the matter

What we are, and not what we wear, is the principal thing, though the fact that there is education in dress must be admitted by all.

To clothe our bodies in a rational and natural manner should be the end desired, and if the dress is comfortable, healthful and adapted to the climate, leaving out the question of fashion, there should be no serious objection to its use.

Following is the article:

Mrs. — threw down the HELPER excitedly and exclaimed: "What is all this ado about the young Indians, who return from the school in the East, putting on the blanket? As though a change of dress proves anything for or against their intellectual culture or moral character!"

"Do you not remember when a company of us became convinced that the Bloomer costume was more healthful than our long skirts and changed our dress for that style?"

"But how long was it before we abandoned our new mode in spite of the principle involved, just because it was so unpopular."

"Can we expect the young people to be stronger to resist public opinion than are we who by birth and education are supposed to have the moral principle more deeply wrought in our being, than can have been their privilege?"

"Why make mention of the mode of dress anyway? Just as though dress makes the man or women!"

"I notice that teachers who go to foreign countries do not ask their pupils to change their native dress for the English mode."

"One in writing from Ceylon says: 'We make no mention of their dress; what we ask is that they be good Christian girls;' and that seems to me to be the right way."

"Indeed sometimes the teachers adopt the dress of the natives whom they teach, as a help to the cause."

"Do you not remember that Mrs. Ann Haseltine Judson assumed the native costume when her husband was in prison and she went to the officials to plead his cause; because by so doing she hoped to have more influence? And she won too."

"Now what have you to answer to this?"

My! you have talked so long and so fast and so earnestly; you have almost taken my breath away.

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THE CONCERT TOUR.

Bright and early Monday morning the band and choir started on their concert tour of a number of the eastern cities. The party is in charge of Capt. Pratt and is accompanied by Mrs. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Miss Burgess and Miss Moore. The first stop was made in Washington, where they arrived at noon. At 3 P. M. they had the honor of being presented to President Cleveland at the White House and the remainder of the time was spent in viewing the sights. The concert was given in the evening to a large audience at Metzerott Hall under the patronage of Mrs. Cleveland and the ladies of the cabinet. The *Washington Post* says among other things:

"As interesting and as unique an entertainment as the public of this city have seen for some time was given by the United States Industrial School band and choir of Carlisle, Pa., at Metzerott Hall last night. The performance was not wanting for influential indorsement, and the names of the patronesses were a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the concert furnished. The Indian school at Carlisle is a government institution, and long since ceased to be an experiment. This is the first exhibition ever given in this city by the pupils of that school, and the people who visited the hall last night even expecting great things were favorably disappointed in the superb training displayed by the Indian boys and girls. The audience was not chary with applause and at the conclusion of singing "My Old Kentucky Home," by Linnie Thompson, demanded an encore until Capt. Pratt was obliged to step to the front and speak to the audience. He explained that the coming week was to be a hard one on the boys and girls and that they had six more concerts to give in that time in Baltimore, Wilmington, Brooklyn, New York, Philadelphia and so on."

Tuesday was spent at Baltimore, where an afternoon concert was given at the Harris Opera House and one in the evening at the Y. M. C. A. Hall. Here the party felt the

full force of the blizzard, which has been paying us a visit, and on account of the extremely disagreeable weather, the attendance was not as large as expected.

Wednesday evening a concert was given in the Grand Opera House at Wilmington, Del., and yesterday one in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia. At the latter place, a short street parade was to have been given by the band if the weather was favorable.

Saturday night a concert will be given in the Lenox Lyceum in New York City, and on Sunday evening a sacred concert in Dr. Lyman Abbott's Church in Brooklyn.

The tour will no doubt attract attention, and prove the capabilities of the Indian in music as well as in other lines.

Any one interested in the study and development of child life; the methods of Pestalozzi and Froebel, could not have helped being charmed if they had taken a peep into the primary department of our school two days last week. Desks were turned into tables, a general flutter of excitement and a business-like air filled the two rooms, as HELPERS were folded and wrapped, tied and deposited in the great mail bags. Each vied with the other in doing neat, rapid, and accurate work, keeping an account of the number turned out; eagerly asking for more, and not willing to give up until the last one was folded. All seemed intent on their task, some decided to be printers; and the M. O. T. B. S. smiled with approval to hear that each had a *purpose* in his heart to be somebody when grown. What does this lesson teach us? Why, that every young Indian put within reach of civilizing influences can and will show the same capabilities as the white boy or girl. The mind and hand must be trained together; for truly—"We learn to do by doing." H.

From a business letter we take the following concerning the Coqualeetza Institute, at Chilliwack, British Columbia, which was destroyed by fire some time since: "Our school is at last completed, and we are gradually filling up. At present we have 60—we can accommodate 60 more, but are moving slowly. We intend to adopt the outing system, and only wish that we had some good Pennsylvania homes to place them in. Our branches of industry are farming, fruit culture, dairying, carpentering, wagon-making; and expect to add shoe and harness making shortly. Whilst for the girls we have sewing, cooking, laundry work and house keeping."

Arthur Two Strikes, Sergeant Troop L. 6th Cav'y, stationed at Ft. Niobrara, Nebr. writes that he is getting a three month's furlough on the 11th of this month and will make a visit to Rosebud Agency, S. Dak.

On Monday evening, at the home of the bride in Carlisle, Mrs. L. S. Johnston was married to Mr. Jesse Dandrich, of Harrisburg. The bride is an assistant in our sewing room. We extend our congratulations.

"I enjoy reading your little paper very much and wish it the success it so heartily deserves.
SUBSCRIBER.

Mud.

Slush.

This weather is hard on the farmers.

The hospital is being given a coat of paint.

Naomi Kohten is in from the country on a visit.

Mr. Drum led the evening meeting last Sunday.

Jno. G. Morrison, class '93, sends us a nice list of subscriptions.

Several of the school rooms and shops look almost deserted this week.

Our spring poet was last heard of from a snow bank crying "Excelsior."

Quite a number of branches were broken off the trees by the heavy weight of snow.

Le Roy Kennedy and Brigman Cornelius are working all day in the printing office this week.

Morgan Tuproek and Laban Locojim have returned to their home at San Carlos Agency, Ariz.

Some wag resurrected several "keep off the grass" signs and they now adorn the tops of snow banks.

William Denomie came in from the country to sing in the choir on the trip. He is looking well.

Miss Wiest has been presiding very acceptably at the piano during school exercises in the absence of Miss Moore.

Mr. E. B. Black has presented the music room with a bust of Wagner, the great composer. He has the thanks of teachers and pupils.

The health of the school has been remarkably good but pupils should exercise proper care this wet weather so that this good record may not be broken.

To-day is Arbor Day, but on account of the absence of so many and the unfavorable weather, the planting of trees has been postponed till later in the month.

Five pupils were promoted during the week. It should be a great incentive to pupils to know that their daily efforts are closely watched, and that their earnest effort may be rewarded at any time during the term.

Through the kindness of a friend in Philadelphia, each member of this year's graduating class was presented with a fine atlas. The gift was greatly appreciated by the young people and the kind donor has their sincere thanks.

The heavy snow of Tuesday and Wednesday was a genuine surprise after the warm weather of March. Fully two feet of snow fell, much of it melting, however. Such a snow so late in the spring is an unusual occurrence, and the memory of the oldest inhabitant is taxed to remember like snows.

Several weeks ago we announced the serious illness of Mrs. Eita Robertson Renville, class '92. We have now to give the sad news of her death, which occurred Thursday of last week. She was buried on Saturday. She was one of our most promising pupils and her early death is regretted by all who knew her.

And the next day it snowed.

A new body is being put in the freight wagon.

Mr. Mickey, of Carlisle is teaching in No. 7 this week.

Johnnie Given, who had a bad fall last week was out for the first time yesterday, but is still a little lame.

Mr. M. S. McDowell, chemist, of Baltimore, Md., was a guest of Prof. Bakeless for several days this week.

Mr. Campbell returned Sunday from the Osage country, bringing with him 8 boys and 5 girls of that tribe.

The Y. M. C. A. concerts on Monday and Wednesday evenings were attended by the usual number from the school.

From the *Bryson City, N. C., Times*, we learn that Supt. T. W. Potter is off for a two weeks private business trip to the Indian Territory.

Answers to Enigma *must* be accompanied by a two cent stamp in order to obtain the print of the Class of '94, which is offered for the correct solution.

The members of the Schumann quartette, who gave such an enjoyable concert Wednesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. course, visited the school yesterday.

Florence Miller, class '94, has been appointed assistant matron at the Indian School, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., where Minnie Yandell of the same class is now a seamstress.

Mr. Drum gave a series of very interesting illustrated talks this week, at the opening exercises of the school on "Coal and Coal Mining." Cloud Bird did some of the black-board illustrating.

Phillips White, one of our former pupils, is now assistant teacher at No. 19 Day School, American Horse Creek, Pine Ridge Agency, S. Dak. The principal of the school says he is well liked and is a Christian gentleman in the true sense of the word.

On Saturday evening, the Band and Choir gave a grand rehearsal of the program to be rendered on their tour. Everything went off smoothly, and every one felt satisfied that the concerts would merit approval.

The question referred to the Susan Longstreth Literary Society for discussion in the article on our first page is a good one and admits of strong arguments on both sides. We know that the young ladies can bring out the points with ability and eloquence, and hope they will discuss it.

The base ball nine played its first match game on Saturday afternoon with the Dickinson College team at their grounds in town, and were beaten by a score of 12 to 2. Our boys showed the lack of practice, 9 errors being charged against them. The game was stopped by rain at the end of the seventh inning. The Indians did not put up the game they are capable of, and we feel sure that they will give opposing teams a much harder struggle later in the season. The make-up of our team was as follows: Nori, p; Chief Eagle, c; Schanandore, 1b; Jamison, 2b; Clarke, 3b; Lutkins, ss; Hudson, rf; Moore, cf; Silas, lf.

(Continued from the First Page.)

I think I will not try to say anything in response, but will refer the subject to the Susan Longstreth Society of young ladies at Carlisle Indian School, in whose debates you have been so much interested in the last *Red Man*.

"Capital! capital! that is just the thing to do and I hope I shall see the report of their discussion."

Very well! will you state the question for them?

"This— Resolved, That the mode of dress of an individual does not affect their intellect or their moral character."

A-TE-KA.

IF YOU WANT TO BE LOVED.

Don't be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most inquisitive friend.

Don't believe that everybody else in the world is happier than you.

Don't conclude that you have never had any opportunities in life.

Don't believe all the evil you hear.

Don't repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd.

Don't be rude to your inferiors in social position.

Don't over or underdress.

Don't express a positive opinion unless you perfectly understand what you are talking about.

Don't get in the habit of vulgarizing life by making light of the sentiment of it.

Don't jeer at anybody's religious belief.

Don't try to be anything else but a gentleman or a gentleman—and that means one who has consideration for the whole world and whose life is governed by the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would be done by."

—[*Ex.*]

WE HAVE ALL SEEN THEM.

People who are proud of their humility.

People who talk all the time and never say much.

People who never say much and yet speak volumes.

People who say a great deal and do very little.

People who say little and do a great deal.

People who look like giants and behave like grasshoppers.

People who look like grasshoppers and behave like giants.

People who have good clothes but very ragged morals.

People who have an idea they are religious mainly because they feel bad.

People who wouldn't kill a chicken with a hatchet, but who try their best to kill their neighbors with their tongues.—[*Ram's Horn*].

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it.—*W. Hazlitt*.

\$33,400 FOR THE CHEROKEE INDIANS.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Secretary of the Treasury transmits to Congress a communication from the Secretary of the Interior substituting for the appropriation in the Indian bill a more liberal provision for the North Carolina Cherokee training school. The former item was \$14,650; the latter is \$33,400. Two hundred pupils are to have \$167 each and \$3,000 is to be expended for a large two-story log school house recommended by Superintendent Potter and Commissioner Browning. The Indians are to bring the logs. Mr. Potter recommends the education of 250 of the 400 full-blood Cherokees now ready to receive instruction. The present rotten building only accommodates 80. He says that for the first time these Indians are taking interest in education.

Enigma.

I am composed of 11 letters.

My 11, 6, 2 is what ball players try to do.

My 4, 7, 1, 6, 9 is a level tract of land.

My 8, 10, 3, 4 is an article used for cleansing.

My 5, 1, 4 is a noise made on a door.

My whole is something unusual which occurred this week.

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