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In the Interest of Art.
CRITICISM A PICTURE THAT WAS TO SELL FOR \$10,000.

Your charges against Mr. Barker, the artist here, said the judge, 'are assault and battery, I believe?'

'Yes, sir.'

'And your name is—?'

'Potts; I am an art critic of the weekly Spy.'

State your case.'

'I called at Mr. Barker's studio upon his invitation to see his great picture, just finished, of George Washington cutting down the cheery tree with his hatchet. Mr. Barker was expecting to sell it for \$10,000. He asked me what I thought of it, and after I had pointed out his mistake in turning the head of the hatchet around so that George was cutting the tree down with the hammer end, I asked him why he had foreshortened George's leg so as to make it look as if his left foot was the mountain on the other side of the river? Did Mr. Barker take it kindly? asked the judge.'

Well, he looked a little glum, that's all. And then when I asked him why he put the guinea pig up the tree, and why he painted the guinea pig with horns, he said it was not a guinea pig, but a cow, and that it was not in the tree, but in the background. Then I said if I had been painting George Washington I should not have given him the complexion of a new brick, I should not have given him two thumbs on each hand and I should have tried not to slue his right eye round so that he could see round the back of his left ear. And Barker said, Oh, wouldn't you? Sarcastic, you know, sir; and I said, No, I wouldn't, and I wouldn't have painted oak leaves on a cherry tree; and I wouldn't have left the spectators in doubt as to whether the figure off by the woods was a factory chimney, or a steamboat, or George Washington's father taking a smoke.

What was it? asked the judge.

I don't know; nobody will ever know. So Barker asked me what I'd advise him to do and I told I thought the best chance was to abandon the Washington idea and fix the thing up somehow to represent the boy who stood on the burning deck. I told him he might paint the grass red to represent the flames, and daub over the tree so's it would look like the mast, and pull George's foot to this side of the river, so's it would rest somewhere on the burning deck, and maybe he might reconstruct that factory chimney, or whatever it was, and make it the captain, while he could arrange the guinea pig to do for the captain's dog.

Did he agree?

He said the idea didn't strike him. So then I suggested that he might turn it into Columbus discovering America. Let George stand for Columbus and the tree be turned into a flag, while the mountains in the background would answer, for the rolling billows of the ocean.

He said he'd be hanged if he would.'

So I mentioned that it might perhaps pass for 'The Execution of Mary Queen of Scots. Put George in back for headsman bend over the tree, and put a frock on it or Mary, let the hatchet stand and work in the guinea pig and factory chimney as mourners. Just as I got the words out of my mouth Barker knocked me clean thought the picture; my head tore out Washington's near leg and my right foot carried away about four miles of river. We had it over and over on the floor for a while, and finally Barker got the best of me. I am taking the law of him in the interest of justice and high art.

So Barker was bound to keep the peace, and Mr. Potts went down to the office of the Spy to write up his criticism.

Subjects For Thought.

In expectation of a betler, I can with patience embrace this life, yet in my best meditations do often desire death. I honor any man that contemns it, nor can I highly love any one that is afraid of it. For a Pagan there may be some motive to be in love with life; but for a Christian to be amazed at death, I see not how he can escape this dilemma, that he is too sensible of this life, or hopeless of this life or hopeless of the life to come.

Dr. McLeod said that there are no men or women, however poor they may be, but have it in their power, by the grace of God, to leave behind them the grandest thing on earth, character; and their children might rise up after them and thank God that their mother was a pious woman, or their father a pious man.

Sanctified afflictions drive us from the world to God, teach us to live by faith, warm the spirit in prayer and urge prayer supplications. We usually send up faint prayers in time of prosperity, when halcyon calms are upon our tabernacles; but in stormy times we fly to our Rock.

Moses was a conservative man. Most great men are conservative. It takes your small man to be fussing and fretting all the time. It is the small nature that

is inclined to agitate. A great nature is calm and retiring.

It may be ours to utter convincing arguments, but it may be ours to live holy lives. It may not be ours to be subtle, and learned, and logical, but it may be to noble, and sweet, and pure.

Never was man whose apprehensions are sober, and by pensive inspection advised, but hath found by an irresistible necessity one everlasting being all forever causing and all forever sustaining.

True wealth consists in health, vigor, and courage, domestic quiet, concord, public liberty, plenty of all that is necessary, and contempt of all that is superfluous.

The more believers love God the more they love one another; as the lines of a circle the nearer they come to the centre the nearer they come to each other.

The philosopher's trouble is that while he can give fifty years to evaluating life impartially, life has spent several thousand years in shaping prejudices.

Reflection is a flower of the mind, giving out wholesome fragrance; but revelry is the same flower, when rank and running to seed.

The mere wants of nature, even when nature is refined by education, are few and simple, but the wants of pride and self-love are insatiable.

Some one should preach a sermon on the bad taste of pursuing good taste too exclusively.

Knowledge is dearly bought if we sacrifice to it moral qualities.

He who is proud of his work should be ashamed of himself.

My own experience, says Bushnell, is that the Bible is dull when I am dull. When I am really alive, and set in upon the text with a tidal pressure of living affinities it opens, it multiplies, discovers and reveals depth even faster than I can note. The wordy spirit shuts the Bible; the spirit of God makes it a fire flaming out all meaning and glorious truths. The one adds no motives or encouragement from anything beyond this earth, the other stimulates and cheers its possessor with the assurance that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. The one compels to look downward to the whirl and tumult of the world the other raises the eye and soul upward to the peace and fruition of Heaven."

The Right Moment.

The time for a man to take a life insurance is just as soon as he has made up his mind that somebody else is dependent upon him, or that by his early death, some one whom he loves and respects, or who loves and respects him, will be made to suffer or want for the comforts of life if he is taken away. Every hour that he waits after assuming such responsibilities is burdened with almost criminal negligence. The notion that a man should wait or put off so important a duty until a more convenient season has no root in good judgment but is founded upon a foolish inclination, prompted by selfishness, to "risk it."

Suppose that you knew that within the coming twelvemonth your lamp of life would surely go out, how gladly he would accept the opportunity to provide for loved ones against the adversities which would follow and difficulties which confront those who are left to their own resources by the death of the strong-armed provider. Yet, you do know that you may not live even another day, and that it is in your power now to provide, at a every small price sure provision against calamity.

Consider these things, young men, middle aged men, and do not longer delay a duty so important and fraught with so many dangers.—*Safety Fund.*

Never give way to melancholy. Nothing encroaches more. I fight against it vigorously. One great remedy is to take short views of life. I will keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on me, says God. He cannot lie. Jesus says: "take no thought for the morrow." You will be clothed and fed and have better health, than if you had worried all the night about it. Enjoy the present blessings God gives you. If you haven't a horse and carriage, thank God that you are able to walk. Praise God for what blessings you do have to enjoy, and that alone ought to scatter the "blues for ever."—*Christian Voice.*

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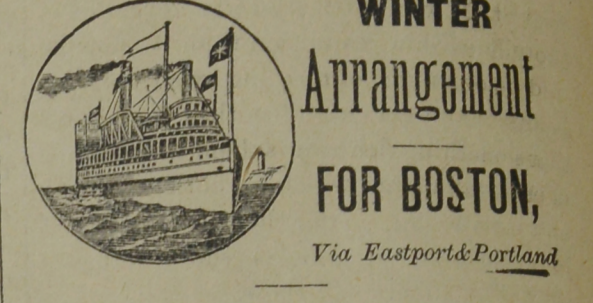
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