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THE EDUCATION OF BENSON.

In the social life of the small town of Ontario the bank clerk is a distinguished figure. Should he be English, his accent and antecedents give him an exalted place in the esteem of the feminine community, and his ways are made pleasant at the euche party and the "little dance." Although Howard Benson was merely a Canadian by birth, having first seen the light in the town of Lindsay, he was in a fair way to be spoiled when whatever powers there be sent him to Rayford, a small sleepy town in which it was impossible either to "get up" a religious revival or to excite an interest in the new railroad. Socially, however, Rayford considered itself infinitely more to be desired than the bustling town of Weltham, just eighteen miles away, which was characterized as new, vulgar, and given over to the pursuit of wealth. Human nature finds great comfort in despising what it cannot attain, and Rayford took pride in its simplicity and its solemnity.

When Howard Benson entered the service of the Empire Bank of Rayford he found himself the recipient of so many social attentions that his fair young head began to revolve and his letters home contained urgent hints as to how much extra allowance a fellow needed before he could appear to advantage among the "best people of the place." He enjoyed everything from a church bazaar to a Knights of Pythias ball, and began to realize that it is extremely comfortable to be a large toad in a small puddle. He allowed his fancy to roam freely among the young women of Rayford, whose maiden name was Legion. He secretly rejoiced when Rogers, in the Northern Bank, who was even younger and fairer than he, accused him of cruelty and fickleness, and his only reply was a laugh of wickedly sophisticated sound. But to his everlasting credit be it said that he did not understand at all when a married lady with a hard smile and unpleasantly golden hair called him a dear boy and stroked his rosy cheek tenderly; in fact, he made her his implacable foe by saying that she reminded him of his Aunt Louisa, causing the said lady to designate him mentally "little fool," and drop him accordingly.

But Howard Benson's joyous career received a sudden check when he met Janet Forbes for the first time and perceived that she was "different" from the other girls. Janet's father was the Presbyterian minister of Rayford, and, while he allowed his pretty daughter to indulge in the graver measures of the "Lancers," he strictly forbade any revolutions in the "round" dances. So, when Benson met Miss Forbes at the Murray's party, which was always the greatest event of the winter, and found that his most ardent persuasions could not induce her to enter the wicked mazes of a waltz, his masculine vanity was piqued—and there is but a step between pique and the tender passion. Indeed, it is the subtle poison in which Cupid dips his most deadly arrows.

The next Sunday night found Mr. Howard Benson in a pew of Knox Church, instead of in attendance at Trinity, and the close of the service found him waiting as an anxious escort for the daughter of "the Manse," who took his attentions sedately and wondered if her father would object if she "asked him in." Benson had the courage of his condition, however, and, rushing in where divinity students had sometimes feared to tread, followed the fair Janet without invitation into the hall, where he surveyed, unabashed, the picture of "John Knox Preaching Before Queen Mary." As he was fortunate enough to remember that his mother's youngest sister was married to Presbyterian missionary in the North-West. He mentioned this fact

with impressive ease and found that it paved his way to the good-will of the Rayford pastor, although he was somewhat at a loss for adjectives when questioned as to the progress of his uncle's work. His modest demeanor told appreciably in his favor and the Manse custom as to Sunday evening refreshments relaxed so far as to allow a cup of coffee and coconut cake to accompany the hard red apples that were carried in on a cold white china plate.

"As you know, Janet," said her father after the young man's departure, "I don't approve of Sunday visitors. But he seems like a nice lad, and is away from home. We must have him in for a friendly evening." So young Benson was asked to tea on Wednesday, and dutifully came and partook of the same and thereafter devoted himself to Janet and the game of halm. It is not supposed to be an exciting pastime, but a looker-on might have seen that there was another game going on, with which the halm board had nothing to do, and in which the moves were being made with quiet swiftness.

Halm and Sunday evening talks did their deadly work on the heart of Howard Benson, who had almost put into words the offer of his somewhat precarious fortunes, when a fate with absolutely no consideration for that variable quantity known as "a young man's fancy" placed Bessie Norman in his path: Bessie had been a school friend of Janet's in Toronto and came down to Rayford for a month's visit with the determination to have a "good time," a determination, by the way, which she always carried out. She was a diminutive young person with exceedingly fair and fluffy locks, and the most innocent blue eyes that ever gazed uncomprehendingly upon a friendly world. Janet had asked Benson to bring his friend, Mr. Marshall, who was classical master in the high school, to call on Miss Norman, and the young pedagogue came most reluctantly, for he considered girls a delusion and a snare not to be compared with a hockey game. From the moment of introduction, Bessie marked the young bank clerk for her own, and, after a few feeble struggles, he resigned himself to be her cavalier, urging Marshall to be "nice to Janet" in the meantime. It would be easy enough to explain it all afterwards, and Bessie Norman was awfully pretty if the other girls did call her a "silly little thing." At the end of her month's visit it was really impossible to bid the fairy-like Bessie an unmoved good-by, while she took the display of his more-than-friendly emotion with assuring calm. The following day, however, Mr. Howard Benson was moved to wrath when he received a letter from a Toronto friend in which occurred these sentences: "I hear Bessie Norman is visiting in Rayford. She's a mighty pretty girl and is engaged to Jack Reynolds of Winnipeg."

Benson's reflections turned with approval to Janet's dignity and decorum, and he determined that within a week she should know fully the extent of his admiration. "Of course," he said in some confusion when he expounded his sentiments, "I had to be nice to your friend. I've missed our quiet talks so much in the last few weeks, but I knew you would understand." "Even when you said good-by to Bessie! You see, she told me about it. She thought it was a joke." There was contempt on Janet's young lips and in her brown eyes which her would-be lover could not meet. "I'm to be her bridesmaid in June," continued Janet with composure, "and perhaps I ought to tell you that I am engaged to Mr. Marshall." "Marshall!" gasped the disconsolate Benson; "why, he hates girls." "He did," said Janet with a smile of subtle satisfaction, "but I admire a man of

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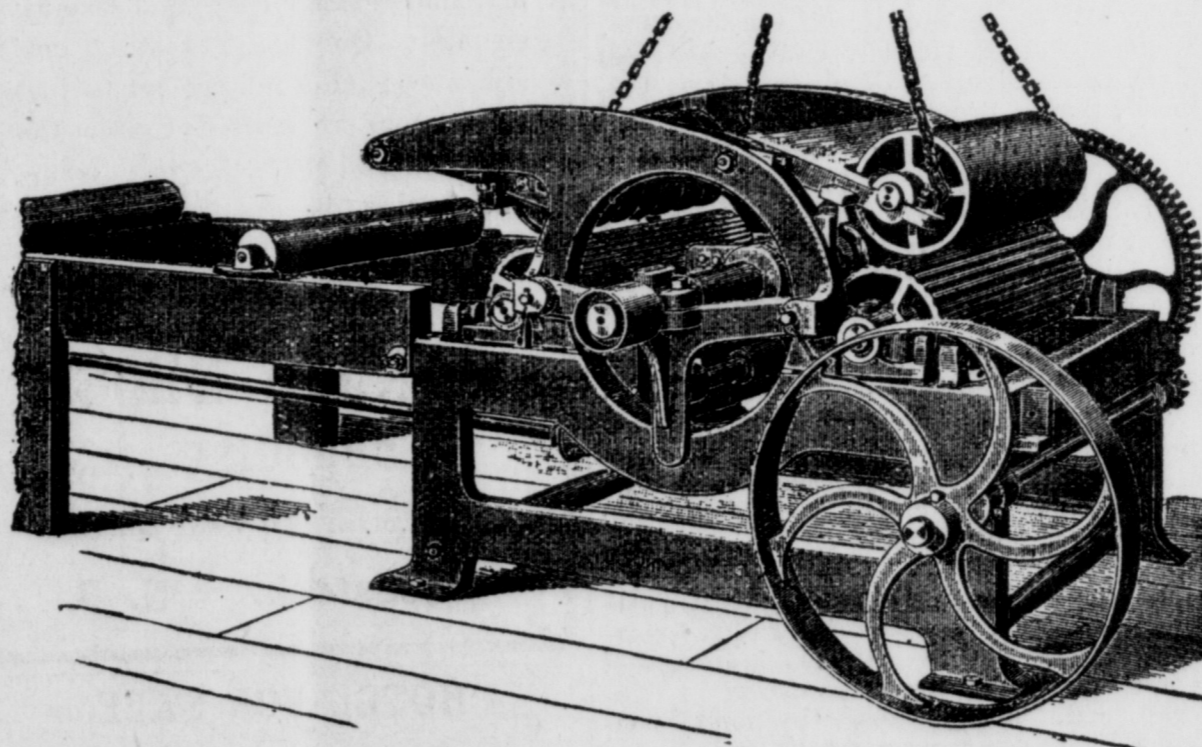
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Regard yourself as a co-worker with the Creator of the universe.

Believe in its worth and dignity, no matter how humble it may be.

Recognize that work is the thing that dignifies and ennobles life.

Accept the disagreeable part of it as cheerfully as the agreeable.

Choose, if it is possible, the vocation for which nature has fitted you.

See how much you can put into it, instead of how much you can take out of it.

Remember that it is only through your work that you can grow to your full height.

Train the eye, the ear, the hands, the mind—all the faculties—in the faithful doing of it.

Remember that work well done is the highest testimonial of character you can receive.

Use it as a tool to develop the strong point of your character and to eliminate the weak ones.

Remember that every vocation has some advantages and disadvantages not found in any other.

Regard it as a sacred task given you to make you a better citizen and to help the world along.

Remember that every neglected or poorly done piece of work stamps itself ineffaceably on your character.

Write it indelibly in your heart that it is better to be a successful cobbler than a botch physician or a briefless barrister.

Refuse to be discouraged if the standing you have reached does not satisfy you; that is a proof that you are an artist, not an artisan.

Educate yourself in other directions than the line of your work, so that you will be a broader, more liberal, more intelligent worker.

Regard it not merely as a means of making a living, but, first of all, as a means of making a life—a larger, nobler specimen of manhood.

—Orison Sweet Marden, in Success Magazine.

Beyond Reason.

There are two individuals who cannot be reasoned with—a girl in love and a man who is determined to run for an office.