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Read it, Boys.

As we mingle with the crowds in our towns and cities today and observe the hundreds of young men who are absolutely idle so far as earning a dollar is concerned, we often wonder where we are drifting. Hundreds of our young men growing up in their baggy breeches and sky blue sox, learning no trade or profession, too nice to perform physical labor, and as a consequence of their bodies not being developed for lack of exercise, their thinking machinery is also impaired, and thus we are raising up a generation of physical degenerates, who are existing wholly upon the labor or capital, or both, of their fathers or guardians. Quit it young man. Get in the "push" and learn to do something, and learn to do it a little better than the other fellow, thereby becoming an independent man of worth to yourself as well as to your country. In your youthful years you should master some trade or profession no matter how rich may be your "Dad." That individual will not live always and unless you know something his fortune will not last long in your hands, and when it is gone you will need the benefit of an early training in some trade or profession. But whether you ever need it or not, do you want to drift along through life not trying to accomplish anything of more value than shooting the billiard ball at just the right angle, or being certain of the fact that your trousers are just the latest thing, and that your sox are just the proper shade? If I were you I could find nothing more re-creative, I'd grab a pick and shovel and get out in the ditch with the Mexican and colored men. At a day's labor really was, I'd show them some pointers on

A Word of Kindness.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness—
Just a flash and it is gone;
But there's half a hundred ripples
Circling on and on and on,
Bearing hope and joy and comfort
On each splashing, dashing wave,
Till you wouldn't believe the volume
Of the one kind word you gave.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness—
In a minute you forget;
But there's gladness still a-swelling
And there's joy a-circling yet,
And you've rolled a wave of comfort
Whose sweet music can be heard
Over miles and miles of water
Just by dropping a kind word.
—Santa Fe Employees' Magazine.

ditch digging that they had never thought of. It would make a man of you physically and mentally, and you would have the satisfaction of knowing that you had earned an honest dollar; that you were independent of your "dad's" money and that you were a benefit to the city in as much as you had set an example for other fellows. Just suppose that every idle young American in this country should determine that he would work at some trade or profession. Don't you know "Dad" would be tickled to death to assist in any legitimate enterprise that son would undertake? And don't you know it would be a great thing for the country, and also for the boys? Get busy, boys, and make men of yourselves. —The Sun, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mrs. Dave Mortimer and baby son, David Wilson, who have been spending the past several weeks with relatives and friends in different points in South Mississippi, returned home last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. W. W. Lovelace returned home last Wednesday from a months' visit to his old home in Brewton, Ala.

Prevention of Cruelty to Men.

The dinner test in Siberia is a good custom. A bride, on coming to her husband's house, gives a dinner prepared with her own hands as a test of the education she has received. If she succeeds in gratifying her guests, it is taken as a proof not only of the young woman's own excellence, but also as a recommendation of her whole family by whom she was instructed.—Ex.

Miss Erie Douglass, of Martin, Tenn., after a few days' visit to friends in our city, left Thursday morning to take a position as Music Teacher in the Public school in Charleston. Miss Erie is well capacitated to fill the position and the Charleston people may congratulate themselves upon securing the services of this young lady.

Miss Seppie Boydston returned home last week from a two weeks' visit to friends in Anding.

Master Hyer Law returned to his home in Memphis Thursday, after a few days' visit to friends in our city.

Mrs. Jas. W. Cathey and three children, Misses Mabel and Myrtice and Master William, returned last Thursday from a few days' visit to Jackson, Tenn., where they were the guests of Mr. Frank Cathey and family.

The many friends of the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hobson will be glad to learn that Louise, their little five-year-old daughter, is rapidly improving from a long illness with Typhoid fever.

Ex-President Eliot, of Harvard, once said that all that was necessary to happiness was good health, a clear conscience and a capacity for appreciation.